



2017 Annual Legislative Report

A Summary of EMWD's Federal and State Legislative Programs



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Mission

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Vision

To provide essential services to our community at a level that exceeds the performance of any other public or private entity.



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FEDERAL OVERVIEW

Highlights from the First Session of the 115th Congress

Perris II Desalter: Army Corps Work Plan Funding

Each year Congress approves the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill that provides funding for projects and programs for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). Congress drafts the bill based on the President's annual budget request and provides additional funds for projects and program accounts that Congress considers under-funded in the annual budget request. Shortly after the Energy and Water bill is enacted, the Corps prepares a work plan that reflects the spending priorities of the final bill.

In Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17), EMWD and Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA) worked to advocate with the Corps and the District's Congressional Delegation for funding for the desalter in the Corps' work plan. VSA worked with Representatives Ken Calvert, Raul Ruiz, Mark Takano, and Duncan Hunter's offices to get all four Members to sign onto a delegation letter to the Corps in support of EMWD's work plan request. As a result of this letter and other efforts, the Perris II Desalter received \$4 million in the FY17 work plan.



The FY18 House Energy and Water Appropriations bill contains \$10 million for environmental infrastructure projects under the Corps construction budget. The FY18 Senate Energy and Water Appropriations bill includes \$60 million for environmental infrastructure projects under the Corps construction budget. The Senate bill prioritizes projects in rural areas, projects with greater economic impact, projects in counties with high poverty rates, projects owed past reimbursements, and projects that will provide substantial benefits to water quality improvement. EMWD has encouraged Congress each year to specify funding for environmental infrastructure projects in the Corps' annual work plan. Without Congressional action, these projects would not be funded.

EMWD has worked with VSA to ensure that Corps District, Division, and Headquarters are all aware of EMWD's FY18 work plan request of \$9 million for the desalter. VSA is also working with the Congressional delegation to obtain letters of support for this request. To date, the Perris II Desalter has received almost \$14 million from the Army Corps of Engineers through an authorization in Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (\$25 million total).

Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI Program

The original federal Title XVI water recycling and reuse grant program was created as part of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992. Originally a project needed a Congressional authorization to be eligible for a water recycling or reuse project to receive funding from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR).

However, in 2011, Congress placed a moratorium on earmarks, which has prohibited any new projects from receiving Congressional authorizations. Since 2012, the executive branch (with Congressional approval) has provided approximately \$20 million annually to the Title XVI program, which the BOR allocated to only those projects which had been Congressionally authorized, without any path forward for new projects.



Over the last few years, EMWD and a coalition of other water districts have led an effort to advocate for transforming the Title XVI program into a single, competitive grant program for new water recycling and reuse projects. In December of 2016, Congress passed the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act), which included a section to address long-standing drought conditions in California. The WIIN Act included language that created a Title XVI competitive grant program for new projects and capped the program at a \$50 million authorization level.

EMWD was a leader in Washington, D.C. advocating on this issue. It was understood that the language contained in the statute amended the original Title XVI law to create a single competitive grant program where both previously Congressionally-authorized projects and newly eligible projects would compete for funding. Unfortunately, report language in the FY17 Omnibus Appropriations measure created confusion surrounding the implementation of the WIIN Act Title XVI language. While the BOR programmatic funding chart indicated a single \$50 million allocation for the Title XVI grant program, the report language to the bill stated that \$10 million shall be used for water recycling and reuse projects as authorized in the WIIN Act. This report language led the BOR to believe that Congress intended to bifurcate the Title XVI grant program into two separate accounts, one for newly eligible WIIN projects and a second for the Congressionally-authorized projects. The approach was also initially easier for the BOR as they had already issued a FY17 solicitation for the Congressionally-authorized projects and were able to award funding for those projects shortly after the FY17 Omnibus was enacted.

“A bifurcated implementation of the Title XVI program is an inequitable allocation and use of limited federal funding.”

Splitting Title XVI into two distinct grant programs, one for the Congressionally-authorized projects and another for the newly eligible projects, was not the intent of the advocates of Title XVI program reform. A bifurcated implementation of the Title XVI program is an inequitable allocation and use of limited federal funding for this activity. Moreover, EMWD and others strongly believe this was not the Congressional intent of the WIIN language.

EMWD Advocacy for a “Single” Title XVI Grant Program

EMWD and VSA organized and lead a coalition of 31 water agencies and entities in California, Texas and around the arid west to address the WIIN Act’s Title XVI implementation problem. The coalition’s mission and objective was to undertake a Congressional advocacy campaign to convince key lawmakers that the WIIN Act’s Title XVI provision was being misinterpreted, and the program rightfully should be executed through a single, competitive grant solicitation. To achieve this outcome, the EMWD-backed coalition recommended that report language be included in the final FY18 Energy and Water appropriations measure to clarify that the BOR should administer the Title XVI program as a single, competitive grant program. EMWD was the leader of this coalition and its efforts and, as a result, VSA worked with EMWD in undertaking the following advocacy activities:

- Outreach to Washington, D.C. advocates of water agencies and other public entities with the goal of enlisting their clients as participants in the coalition’s efforts;
- Drafted a letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein and Representative Calvert, which was signed by over 30 California and Texas water agencies, to express support for a single Title XVI competitive grant program;
- Wrote a talking point document to explain the issue to interested stakeholders and Congressional offices;
- Conducted background research on the Congressionally-authorized Title XVI program and projects, as well as the newly eligible Title XVI project entities;
- Provided strategic advice on legislative advocacy, engagements, and messaging;
- Coordinated and scheduled Congressional meetings for the September advocacy trip, which involved other coalition water agencies;
- Participated in an ACWA-hosted Title XVI discussion meeting with several California water stakeholders and key Congressional staff; and
- Provided feedback and intelligence from Congressional offices and committees, as well as other key water stakeholders.

Status

During EMWD’s October 2017 trip to Washington, D.C., EMWD met with several Congressional offices, Committee staff, and BOR officials to advocate on behalf of the Title XVI single grant program. Differences of understanding by the staff who authored the WIIN Act’s Title XVI language, along with complications in addressing the statute’s \$50-million authorization cap, have made finding a consensus on a potential fix challenging. Moreover, the California water entities who benefit from a bifurcated approach are actively advocating to maintain the two-tiered program structure. While Senator Feinstein and Representative Calvert’s staff are sympathetic to the objective of having the Title XVI program be administered as a single program, no decision has yet been made as to if or how the Members will address the issue in the pending FY18 Omnibus appropriations bill.



In late October, the BOR's Denver Office publicly announced at the annual Western Coalition of Arid States (WestCAS) conference that they plan to administer Title XVI as a single competitive grant program in FY18. Given this positive development, Congressional report language may not be necessary to achieve a Title XVI single competitive grant program. To solidify the BOR's announced approach, EMWD is seeking a letter from Senator Feinstein to the BOR conveying support for the agency's decision.

While the effort to ensure the BOR administers Title XVI as a single grant solicitation is a needed and worthwhile objective, WIIN's \$50-million authorization cap will continue to put the entities who seek to advance new Title XVI projects at a competitive disadvantage. This problem will have to be comprehensively addressed through the Title XVI program's next Congressional reauthorization measure.

March Air Reserve Base

High and rising groundwater levels, which could potentially cause liquefaction, have been a growing concern among March Air Reserve Base (MARB) stakeholders. While EMWD's boundaries lie just outside of MARB, Representative Calvert specifically asked EMWD to explore options for a potential solution. As a result of Representative Calvert's request for assistance, EMWD embarked upon a reconnaissance study which included extensive groundwater modeling, water characterization, and an infrastructure assessment to



potentially address the MARB problem. The study looked at the option of placing wells around the base which would reduce the groundwater levels through pumping. The study determined that viable options existed to successfully pump the groundwater out from with under the base. To address the issue of groundwater contamination, the study determined that the water could be made potable through a combination of well-head treatment and blending. In light of the favorable results of the study, EMWD proposed a partnership with Department of Defense (DoD) to jointly fund the needed groundwater and treatment infrastructure. Through this conceptual arrangement, EMWD would own the system then operate it with ratepayer funds because of the water supply benefit. EMWD would request that the DoD allocate funding to address the capital costs. The win-win result would be that MARB would have a resolution to the rising groundwater condition and EMWD would be able to tap into a new water source which would provide water for up to twelve or thirteen thousand families per year.

EMWD proposed \$3 million in federal funding to conduct an in-depth geotechnical investigation and produce a preliminary design report which could be used to advance construction. Specifically, funding could come through the DoD's Environmental Restoration Account for the Air Force. Complex groundwater issues are deemed eligible for funding under this DoD account. EMWD embarked upon initial discussions with the Air Force Civil Engineering Center to discuss EMWD's feasibility study and the potential to receive funding for the initiative.

EMWD's proposed solution to MARB's groundwater issue was enthusiastically embraced by regional stakeholders. EMWD's plan was also well-received by MARB's Base commander, General Muncy. In July, Representative Calvert endorsed EMWD's plan. Representative Calvert's office also offered to help EMWD gain a better understanding of the potential DoD funding streams for the MARB initiative, as well as ensure the District was engaging with the appropriate Air Force officials to advance the effort.

EMWD's collaboration efforts with the Air Force have stalled due to confusion regarding the cause of MARB's groundwater issue. To address the Air Force's hydrogeologists perception that the source of the groundwater problem is Lake Perris (which would make it a state problem), EMWD has advanced additional modeling and has asked the California Department of Water Resources to sit down with the Air Force to explain their water modeling findings associated with MARB.

**“The MARB groundwater initiative has
been a significant EMWD federal priority.”**

The MARB groundwater initiative has been a significant EMWD federal priority this year, and has been a centerpiece topic during EMWD's July 2017 and October 2017 trips to Washington, D.C. VSA has helped guide EMWD on its interactions with the DoD and assisted in researching the potential federal funding streams to advance the groundwater proposal. VSA has worked closely with Representative Calvert's office, as well as with other EMWD Congressional delegation offices, on developments and updates related to the status of the MARB initiative, as well as on any specific requests for their assistance. While recent actions and developments at the regional level are seemingly calling into question the need for a groundwater remediation effort, EMWD and VSA continue with steps associated with advancing this potential project, and EMWD stands ready to assist if a project is needed.

Status of the FY18 Appropriations Bills

As has been the case in previous years, Congress was unable to complete its work on the FY18 appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year, which was September 30, 2017. As a result, Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the federal government funded at its current levels through December 8, 2017. Congressional leadership has not indicated what the path forward will be on the FY18 appropriations bills. The two most likely options are for Congress to pass either an omnibus appropriations package that would include all 12 appropriations bills or another CR to allow the federal government to continue to be funded at current funding levels.

FY17 and FY18 Bureau of Reclamation Program Funding

Over the years, EMWD has successfully accessed federal funding through several BOR grant programs. Of specific interest to EWWD are the BOR's WaterSMART and Desalination Research and Development grant programs. Outlined below are the final funding levels for FY17, as well as the FY18 Administration's budget, the FY18 House-passed bill, and the FY18 Senate committee-passed bill.

WaterSMART Grant Program

FY17 Final: \$24 million

FY18 Admin Request: \$23.365 million

FY18 House: \$24 million

FY18 Senate: \$24 million

WaterSMART Drought Response and Comprehensive Drought Planning

FY17 Final: \$4.179 million

FY18 Admin Request: \$3.25 million

FY18 House: \$3.25 million

FY18 Senate: \$4 million

Title XVI

FY17 Final: \$34.406 million (\$10 million for WIIN)

FY18 Admin Request: \$21.5 million

FY18 House: \$35 million (\$10 million for WIIN)

FY18 Senate: \$34.406 million (\$10 million for WIIN)

BurRec Research and Development, Desalination and Water Purification Program

FY17 Final: \$11.803 million

FY18 Admin Request: \$2.903 million

FY18 House: \$8.903 million

FY18 Senate: \$11.803 million

BurRec Research and Development, Science and Technology Program

FY17 Final: \$22.765 million

FY18 Admin Request: \$11.065 million

FY18 House: \$11.065 million

FY18 Senate: \$22.765 million

WaterSense

EMWD has been advocating for the authorization of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense program in a manner that would prevent the inclusion of self-regenerating water softeners. The following bills have been introduced this year that contain language that would reauthorize the WaterSense program:

- Water Efficiency Improvement Act of 2017 (S 1700) introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM);
- Water Advanced Technologies for Efficient Resource Use Act of 2017 (HR 3248) introduced by Representative Matt Cartwright (D-PA);
- Clean Safe Reliable Water Infrastructure Act (S 1137) introduced by Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD); and
- Water and Energy Sustainability through Technology Act (HR 3275) introduced by Representative Jerry McNerney (D-CA).



In July, EMWD met with staff from Senator Ben Cardin's office to discuss possible changes to the WaterSmart language in his bill (S 1137). Unfortunately, none of the bills mentioned above have seen any Congressional action so far.

Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS)

The Clean Water Rule was promulgated on June 29, 2015. It was in effect in most of the country for a two-month period before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a nation-wide stay. The Corps and the EPA are currently implementing the previous regulatory definition of “waters of the United States” in light of the stay.

On February 28, 2017, the President issued an Executive Order (E.O.) entitled “Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the “Waters of the United States” Rule”. The E.O. directed the agencies to review the Clean Water Rule for consistency with these priorities and publish for notice and comment a proposed rule rescinding or revising the rule, as appropriate and consistent with law. Further, the E.O. directed that the agencies shall consider interpreting the term “navigable waters,” in a manner consistent with the opinion of Justice Antonin Scalia in *Rapanos v. United States*. Justice Scalia’s opinion considers Clean Water Act jurisdiction as including relatively permanent waters and wetlands with a continuous surface connection to relatively permanent waters.

The agencies are implementing the E.O. in two steps to develop a replacement rule. For the first step, the agencies proposed on July 27, 2017, a rule to re-codify the regulation that was in place prior to issuance of the Clean Water Rule and that is being implemented now under the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit’s stay of that rule.

For the second step, the agencies may propose a new definition that would replace the 2015 Clean Water Rule with one that is consistent with the approach outlined in the E.O. In June 2017, the agencies completed consultation processes with tribes as well as state and local governments on the step two rulemaking.



“EMWD and VSA have aggressively lobbied Congress on the proposed WOTUS rule.”

EMWD and VSA have aggressively lobbied Congress on the proposed WOTUS rule, as well as monitored legislative attempts by both the House and Senate to stop the implementation of the proposed rule. As has been done in the last several years, the House and the Senate have included policy language in the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill and the Energy and Water Appropriations bill that would prohibit the EPA and the Corps from using federal funds to implement the 2015 WOTUS rule.

Drought Legislation

In February 2017, Congressman David Valadao (R-CA) introduced the “Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017” (HR 23). The GROW Act would restore water reliability to California communities by codifying the bipartisan Bay-Delta Accord. It also reforms federal laws — such as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act and the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act — that have affected water delivery. Representatives Hunter and Calvert are cosponsors of the bill. In July, the House of Representatives passed the bill by a vote of 230-190. The bill has now been sent to the Senate for consideration.

Turf Program Rebates

EMWD has been advocating for water conservation tax rebates to receive the same tax-exempt status as energy conservation rebates, specifically for possible inclusion in a comprehensive tax reform package.



In January 2017, Representative Huffman reintroduced the “Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act” (HR 448). It currently has 27 cosponsors (25 Democrats and 2 Republicans). HR 448 would clarify that homeowners do not need to pay income tax when they receive rebates from water utilities for water conservation and water runoff management improvements that they purchased.

In early February, seven Senators (4 Democrats and 3 Republicans) led by Senator Feinstein, sent a letter to the Department of the Treasury urging the agency to recognize

water conservation rebates issued by public entities as tax exempt eligible (excluded from gross income) under existing energy conservation tax law (Section 136). A few months later, Senator Feinstein introduced the “Water Conservation Tax Parity Act” (S 1464). EMWD is part of a coalition that is advocating on behalf of this issue, and examining possible avenues for inclusion in the tax reform bill.

California Water Fix

This summer (2017), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service issued biological opinions stating the California WaterFix would not jeopardize threatened or endangered species, or adversely impact critical habitat. This action allowed the project to receive a permit under the Endangered Species Act, thereby clearing the federal environmental hurdles for the tunnels to move forward.

Last month, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board of Directors voted overwhelmingly to be a large financial contributor to the construction of the WaterFix project. However, the WaterFix did receive a setback when Central Valley Project Contractor Westlands Water District, the largest agricultural supplier in the country, decided against financial participation in the project. While federal funding for the WaterFix was never anticipated, the Trump Administration made clear it has no plans to provide federal dollars to advance the WaterFix. The ultimate fate of the WaterFix project is still to-be-determined. In 2017, EMWD continued to discuss and educate issues surrounding the WaterFix with Congressional delegation offices during its trips to Washington, D.C.



HOUSE LEGISLATION

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HR 23	Gaining Responsibility on Water Act
Valadao (R)	Amends the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017, provides drought relief in the State of California.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 417	Improvement of Consumer Confidence Reports
Lawrence (D)	Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act, requires the improvement of consumer confidence reports.
<i>State: MI</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 434	Water Project Financing Program Pilot Project
Denham (R)	Authorizes a pilot project for an innovative water project financing program.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 448	Conservation Subsidies Water Conservation Exclusion
Huffman (D)	Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, expands the exclusion for certain conservation subsidies to include subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 465	Federal Water Pollution Control
Gibbs B (R)	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for an integrated planning and permitting process.
<i>State: OH</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 502	Land and Water Conservation Fund
Grijalva (D)	Reauthorizes permanently the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
<i>State: AZ</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C

HR 717	Cost of Endangered Species List Addition
Olson (R)	Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973, requires review of the economic cost of adding a species to the list of endangered species or threatened species.
<i>State: TX</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A

HR 875	Water Storage and Water Recycling Projects
Newhouse (R)	Facilitates and streamlines the Bureau of Reclamation process for creating or expanding water storage, rural water supply, and water recycling projects under reclamation law.
<i>State: WA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 904	American Made Content Requirement
Lipinski (D)	Amends Chapter 83 of Title 41, United States Code, increases the requirement for American-made content, strengthens the waiver provisions.
<i>State: IL</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 939	Iron and Steel Product Use in Water Treatment Projects
Bustos (D)	Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act, extends and expands the provision requiring the use of iron and steel products that are produced in the United States in projects funded through a state drinking water treatment revolving loan fund.
<i>State: IL</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 998	Rules Review Process
Smith J (R)	Provides for the establishment of a process for the review of rules and sets of rules, authorizes Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act or as the SCRUB Act.
<i>State: MO</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1068	Drinking Water
Pallone (D)	Enables needed drinking water standards; reduces lead in drinking water; plans for and address threats from climate change, terrorism, and source water contamination; invests in drinking water infrastructure; increases compliance with drinking water standards; fosters greater community right to know about drinking water quality; promotes technological solutions for drinking water challenges.
<i>State: NJ</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1071	Water Systems
Tonko (D)	Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act; increases assistance for states, water systems, and disadvantaged communities; encourages good financial and environmental management of water systems; strengthens the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to enforce the requirements of the Act.
<i>State: NY</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1183	Mitigation Assistance
Ruiz (D)	Amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, improves mitigation assistance.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A

HR 1269	Sacramento Valley Water Infrastructure Investments
LaMalfa (R)	Directs the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to support non-Federal investments in water infrastructure improvements in the Sacramento Valley.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1579	Drinking Water Systems Security and Resiliency
Peters S (D)	Requires drinking water systems to assess and address their vulnerabilities to climate change, source water degradation, and intentional acts to ensure security and resiliency.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1647	Water Infrastructure Trust Fund
Blumenauer (D)	Establishes a Water Infrastructure Trust Fund.
<i>State: OR</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1654	Water Supply Permitting Coordination
McClintock (R)	Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 1673	Water and Sewer Infrastructure Trust Fund
Conyers (D)	Establishes a trust fund to provide for adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure.
<i>State: MI</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 2510	Appropriations for State Water Pollution Control
DeFazio (D)	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, authorizes appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds.
<i>State: OR</i>	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C
HR 2603	Nonnative Endangered Species Treatment
Gohmert (R)	Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973, provides that nonnative species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act.
<i>State: TX</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A
HR 2693	Attorney Fees and Penalties in Citizen Suits
Hunter (R)	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, limits attorney fees and penalties in citizen suits.
<i>State: CA</i>	EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A

HR 3106

Boyle B (D)

EPA Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act; requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to publish a maximum contaminant level goal and promulgate a National primary drinking water regulation for perfluorinated compounds (including perfluorooctanesulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid).

*State: PA***EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: A**

HR 3387

Harper (R)

Drinking Water System Improvement Act

Provides for the Drinking Water System Improvement Act of 2017.

*State: MS***EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A**

SENATE LEGISLATION

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S 451 **Water Supply Research**

Cardin (D) Amends the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, reauthorizes grants for and requires applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act.

State: MD **EMWD's Position: Watch** **Priority: C**

S 518 **Small Treatment Works Technical Assistance**

Wicker (R) Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, provides for technical assistance for small treatment works.

State: MS **EMWD's Position: Watch** **Priority: C**

S 519 **Maximum Contaminant Levels**

Gillibrand (D) Amends the Safe Water Drinking Act, requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish maximum contaminant levels for certain contaminants.

State: NY **EMWD's Position: Oppose** **Priority: A**

S 677 **New Surface Water Storage Projects**

Barrasso (R) Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and state permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing.

State: WY **EMWD's Position: Watch** **Priority: C**

S 692 **Office of the Municipal Ombudsman**

Fischer (R) Provides for integrated plan permits, establishes an Office of the Municipal Ombudsman, promotes green infrastructure, requires the revision of financial capability guidance.

State: NE **EMWD's Position: Watch** **Priority: C**

S 880 **Public Water Systems American Iron and Steel Use**

Baldwin (D) Ensures the use of American iron and steel in public water systems.

State: WI **EMWD's Position: Watch** **Priority: C**

S 917 **Star Service Banner Day Designation**

Blunt (R) Amends Title 36, United States Code, designates May 1 as Silver Star Service Banner Day.

State: MO **EMWD's Position: Support** **Priority: A**

S 1137

Cardin (D)

Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

Amends the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, includes provisions relating to drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

*State: MD***EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**

S 1170

Shaheen (D)

Sanctions for Human Rights Violations

Imposes sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals.

*State: NH***EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A**

S 1230

Barrasso (R)

Water Right Transfer Agreement Conditioning

Prohibits the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.

*State: WY***EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: C**

S 1460

Murkowski (R)

Energy and Natural Resources Policies Modernization

Provides for the modernization of the energy and natural resources policies of the United States.


*State: AK***EMWD's Position: Support Priority: A**

ACTIVITY ON FEDERAL ISSUES

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EMWD Recommendations for a Comprehensive Tax Reform Package	Recommendation
Support Confirmation of Brenda Burman as Commissioner of U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	Letter of Support
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Work Plan Request for Funding for the Perris II Desalter	Funding Request
Title XVI and Desalination Act on May 24, 2017	Thank You Letter
Coalition Comments Regarding Implementation of Newly Reformed and Revitalized Title XVI Program.....	Express Concerns

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STATE PROGRAM

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STATE OVERVIEW

The priority and focus of the Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) State Legislative Program is to promote the District's interest at the State level and communicate regularly with statewide legislators on issues of concern to the District and its ratepayers. This is accomplished through a multi-pronged approach that incorporates both internal and external expert feedback, formal correspondence on priority bills, briefings with legislators, continuous bill monitoring, and testifying at committee hearings when appropriate. The following section of the EMWD Public and Governmental Affairs 2017 Annual Legislative Report details the District's approach and specific actions completed to effectively communicate the District's position, needs, and concerns as they relate to the more than 2,900 bills that were introduced this year by the Legislature. In total, 977 bills were submitted to Governor Jerry Brown for consideration, where he signed 859 bills and vetoed 118. EMWD reviewed 219 bills and submitted 1,382 letters of support, opposition, or concern.

The remaining portion of this report details the specific bills of interest to the District and is broken down into the following sections: Legislative Review Process, Legislation by Topic, Chaptered Legislation, Two-Year Legislation, Vetoed Legislation, Correspondence, Policy Principles, Legislator Maps, and an Appendix with a Glossary of Terms, Legislative Bill Positions and Standing Committee Abbreviations.

Highlights from the 2017 Session

Political Landscape

In January 2017 Governor Brown began his final two-years as the Governor of California, and in Washington D.C., Donald Trump was sworn-in as the 45th President of the United States. Partisanship hit a fevered pitch in Washington D.C., and much of the partisan distrust trickled into California politics. This was evidenced as legislators within the State Legislature introduced a package of bills intended to protect California from any potential rollback by the federal government on environmental regulations, whistleblower protections, preservation of public lands, and accessibility to open data on climate change science. Some of the bills intended to ensure that California adhere to strict regulations included SB 49 (de León) Environmental and Workers' Defense Act which prohibited State agencies from amending clean air, drinking water, and pollution regulations to be less stringent than the standards in place as of January 1, 2016; SB 50 (Allen) Federal Public Lands: Conveyance which voids any conveyances of federal public lands to private unprotected land in California unless the State Lands Commission was provided with a first right of refusal; and SB 51 (Jackson) Environmental Sciences and Climate Change: Data which sought to extend whistleblower protections to persons working in the environmental sciences and climate-change-related fields against federal licensing entities that attempted to suspend or eliminate scientific data from the public domain to protect against censorship or destruction of information by the federal government.

Other high profile issues within the Legislature included unfunded transportation needs which was addressed through an increase to the State gas tax, the extension of cap-and-trade to achieve greenhouse gas emission reduction standards, increased funding for the development of affordable housing, and development of long term water use efficiency mandates.

Most of the aforementioned issues were very controversial within the Legislature, and required a difficult-to-achieve and politically demanding two-thirds vote within the Legislature, which resulted in fracturing within both political parties and demanding negotiations within both houses of the Legislature.

California's Water Outlook

After more than five-years of historic drought conditions, the rains and record snowfall that ushered in the start of the year were a welcome relief for Californians that had spent many years suffering from drought restrictions. However, within months, many communities around the State had to abruptly transition from reducing water use and preparing for drought conditions to managing extreme flood events. Northern California alone experienced its wettest winter in almost a century, which resulted in many rivers achieving record flows and several communities having to be evacuated due to flood conditions.

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, California's floods received national attention when Oroville Dam, the tallest dam in the United States, which impounds the second largest man-made lake in the State, underwent a dramatic collapse of the emergency spillway. The crisis began as the torrential rains continued to fall and Oroville Lake overflowed into the emergency spillway, which had not been used in the 48-year history of the dam. The damage included a hole in the concrete spillway which grew to more than 300 feet wide and over 500 feet long. On Sunday, February 12, 2017 the Department of Water Resources ordered an immediate evacuation of nearly 200,000 people from the Feather River Valley



over concerns that the auxiliary spillway could fail which would result in large, uncontrolled releases of water from Lake Oroville. After three days of intense work by emergency workers which included helicopters dropping rocks into the spillway and truck crews working morning and night to deliver more than thirty-tons of rock per hour, residents were allowed to return their homes and the evacuation order was lifted.

The intensity of the rains and snow that fell over a short period of time, coupled with the catastrophic events at Oroville Dam and the toll that years of water shortages had taken on a drought-weary state, it was evident that water issues were to be a “front-and-center” concern in the Legislature and with the Administration for the entirety of 2017.

Conservation Versus Long Term Water Use Efficiency – A Policy Discussion on the Future of Water Use in California

In May of 2016, Governor Brown signed Executive Order B-37-16, that directed state agencies to develop a new approach to long-term water conservation in California and submit a report to the Legislature and the Administration before Saturday, January 21, 2017. Following several months of delay, the Administration released

a framework for implementing long term conservation measures entitled, “Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life” on Friday, April 7, 2017. Immediately following the framework unveiling, the Administration released enabling legislation by way of a budget trailer bill that substantially expanded the State Water Resources Control Board’s (State Board) authority to set local conservation targets, trigger water supply shortage emergencies, and ultimately circumvent local control.

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After the historic drought of the past several years and then the flooding that ushered the end to the drought, it was clear that water supply planning and management had to shift to accommodate the changing precipitation cycles the State had been experiencing; however, adopting policy that would address every aspect of water management and reporting through a budget trailer bill was something that a vast majority — within both the water community and the Legislature — objected. Soon after the circulation of the budget trailer bill language, freshman Assembly Member Laura Friedman introduced legislation that mirrored the Administration’s budget trailer bill. In response to the Administration’s activities related to the budget trailer bill, a large contingent of water suppliers partnered with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) to introduce legislation: AB 968 Water Use Efficiency and AB 1654 Urban Water Management Planning by Assembly Member Blanca Rubio, which offered a moderate, bottom-up policy approach to long term water use efficiency which would be circulated through the legislative process in order to advance public scrutiny and involvement.

At the same time, members of the California Assembly also viewed long term conservation as an issue that required more targeted and thoughtful dialogue. Under the leadership of Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia, Chair of the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, the Assembly formed a bipartisan working group on water conservation policy which developed a set of guiding policy principles that they intended to use to establish guidance for implementing the Governor’s water conservation framework. The Assembly working group on water conservation policy was uniform in the belief that any policy changes should be completed through the legislative process and not through a budget trailer bill, however the Administration strengthened their commitment to driving the long-term conservation framework discussion by releasing an updated budget trailer bill on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. The language in the updated budget trailer bill was much improved from a water supplier perspective; however, language relating to long term target setting and enforcement were still sticking points in the overall proposal.



Following a number of hearings within the Assembly on the water conservation bills, only three bills emerged from the Assembly Floor Hearings which included one bill from Assembly Member Rubio, AB 1654; one bill from Assembly Member Friedman, AB 1668 — which previously included language on agricultural water use efficiency planning; and AB 1323 by Assembly Member Weber, which outlined an alternative water use reduction target setting process, that included significant stakeholder outreach. Once the water use efficiency bills reached the Senate, Senator Bob Hertzberg, Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee held a hearing in early July 2017 to hear from various stakeholders on areas of support and concern that interested entities had on the bills. Interested parties were further encouraged to participate by submitting letters outlining specific items that they believed should be included and omitted from the dialogue on long term water use efficiency. The Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee staff compiled the comments and circulated a “strawman” proposal that was widely viewed as more problematic than prior versions of the bill. This proposal was discussed at a follow-up stakeholder meeting that Senator Hertzberg had called, and many expressed concerns over various elements of the proposal. At this time, SB 606, a bill formerly by Senator McGuire on property taxation

exemptions, was gutted-and-amended to serve as a placeholder vehicle for the Senate to introduce a bill that would ultimately be joined to AB 1668, so both houses within the Legislature could continue engagement on the long term water use efficiency discussion. The original language in AB 1668 by Assembly Member Friedman was stripped to mirror the placeholder language in SB 606 and Assembly Member Rubio elected to hold her bill, AB 1654, within the Senate Appropriations Committee. AB 1668 and SB 606 were to emerge following the summer recess with language that implemented an improved version of the conservation framework implementation legislation; however, there were a number of outstanding issues that many within a coalition of water suppliers, which included EMWD, felt were critical to identifying a manageable pathway to long term water use efficiency.

Supporters and opponents of AB 1668 (Friedman) Water Management Planning and SB 606 (Skinner/Hertzberg) Water Management Planning lobbied members of the Legislature and the Administration until the last hours of session on Friday, September 15, 2017. Many within the water industry and the Legislature had grown displeased with the process. The deep and sometimes contentious negotiations on the future of water use efficiency in California remained unsettled at the conclusion of session, and will likely be an early order of business once the Legislature returns in 2018.

California WaterFix and California EcoRestore



In early 2015, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) was divided into two separate, yet closely linked efforts which were designated as the California WaterFix and California EcoRestore. California WaterFix addresses the need for water supply reliability through an improved conveyance system, and California EcoRestore features habitat and restoration solutions for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. State agencies recirculated draft environmental impact reports (EIR)/supplemental draft environmental impact statements (EIS) for the BDCP/California WaterFix and followed-up with a lengthy public comment period. Following the close of the comment period, State and federal regulators worked on completing the required

studies and permitting approvals necessary to move forward with the California WaterFix. Stakeholders in support of the WaterFix had been hopeful that federal administrators would weigh-in on the California WaterFix prior to the end of the Obama Administration at the close of 2016; however, this ultimately was not the case, and State Water Contractors had to accelerate outreach to the Trump Administration to emphasize the importance of the California WaterFix.

At the start of the 2017 legislative session, State Assembly Member Jim Frazier, a representative from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region, took aim at the controversial nature of the California WaterFix by introducing a series of bills intending to prolong the process by State and federal regulators in their scientific and economic assessments of the California WaterFix by adding additional and oftentimes redundant studies, requirements, and permitting structures to the process. All of the bills that were introduced by the Assembly Member to extend the determination process were held within the first house of the Legislature.

During the June 2017 to October 2017 time frame, several State and federal regulating agencies completed critical studies and funding assessments to determine the compliance with environmental permitting requirements and feasibility assessments. In addition to these critical regulatory milestones, State Water Project Contractors (Contractors) were also asked to confirm their financial participation in the project. Many of the Contractors, such as MWD, elected to undertake a formal board vote to confirm participation in the California WaterFix; others took less formal action. MWD's vote by its Board of Directors took place on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, following several hours of public testimony from both supporters and opponents, and the historic affirmative vote passage (twenty-eight to six, with two abstentions) resulted in MWD agreeing to pay its twenty-six percent share of the California WaterFix costs and to authorize staff to enter into agreements to move forward with the project. This action by the MWD Board of Directors, and similar votes by other Contractors represented an extraordinary step forward in a decades-long discussion to update California's critical water supply system.

Addressing Water Affordability and Accessibility Concerns in California

In 2012, Governor Brown signed into law AB 685 by Assembly Member Mike Eng, which established the Human Right to Water stating that every Californian has a human right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible drinking water. Working towards implementing this goal, the Legislature has passed a number of bills over the last several years aimed at implementing the Human Right to Water policy and to further address drinking water concerns that were outlined in a related document entitled, “Resilient, Affordable, and Safe Drinking Water for Disadvantaged Communities Framework.” Since the passage of the Human Right to Water, the following legislation represents some of the cornerstone laws that have been enacted to facilitate consolidation of systems that chronically fail to serve safe, clean, and reliable water



supplies or established provisions to stop the development of new systems that could become unsustainable in the future. These bills include SB 88 (Budget Committee, 2015) System Consolidations which established a mechanism to facilitate a forced consolidation of systems serving disadvantaged, unincorporated communities; AB 401 (Dodd, 2015) Low Income Water Rate Assistance; SB 552 (Wolk) Public Water Systems: Disadvantaged Communities; SB 1262 (Pavley) Water Supply Planning; and SB 1263 (Wieckowski) Public Water Systems: Permits. Collectively these bills have helped put California on the course to water reliability.

Specific efforts to continue to address the Human Right to Water, which EMWD was actively involved in, includes implementation of AB 401 (Dodd, 2015) Statewide Low Income Water Rate Assistance Program — which tasked the State Board with developing a plan to fund and implement a statewide low income water rate assistance (LIRA) program to address water affordability concerns. The State Board was further mandated to prepare a report to the Legislature by February 1, 2018 on its findings. In order to initiate the process, the State Board held a workshop at the start of the year to hear from interested individuals on the opportunities and constraints associated with developing a statewide LIRA program. To assist with the research, the State Board contracted with the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Luskin Center for Innovation to examine existing programs, identify costs, and

discuss methods for collection and distribution of a potential fee. In addition to the UCLA Luskin Center, the State Board also contracted with University of California at Berkeley Law School to assess the States’ ability to levy a fee on water ratepayers to generate resources needed to support a LIRA program and to identify opportunities and constraints related to Proposition 218 (1996) on the ability to implement a LIRA program.

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EMWD dedicated time, expertise, and resources to participate in the LIRA process throughout all of 2017, as District representatives regularly provided constructive feedback to the State Board as research was conducted on the LIRA program proposal. Staff attended or monitored nearly all of the public meetings that were held on the topic. Throughout the process, the State Board staff were widely criticized for failing to meet with water providers — the entities that may be charged with implementing major requirements under pending legislation and communicating to its customers the benefit and challenges of such a program. In response to the criticism from the water industry, the State Board held a two-day small group meeting with a limited number of water providers, water association representatives, and environmental justice advocates to vet initial program concepts. Additional workgroup meetings were proposed; however, additional meetings have yet to be scheduled. EMWD remains committed to working through the process as State Board representatives prepare their final recommendations, which will eventually be folded into legislation in the 2018 session.

In a separate, yet related effort to address elements of the Human Right to Water policy of the State, the Community Water Center (CWC), an environmental justice nonprofit organization that works primarily in the Central Valley, has worked aggressively to advance legislation establishing an ongoing source of funding to address water accessibility and water quality concerns for disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged residents in regions lacking access to safe and reliable drinking water. In 2017, the CWC introduced SB 623 (Monning) Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund. SB 623 is widely viewed as a controversial bill, due to both the content of the bill and the method that was used to bypass critical legislative committee review and oversight.



Until the last month of session, SB 623 established a continuously appropriated Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund within the State budget to pay for projects that would expand access to safe drinking water. The bill also identified a fee that was to be assessed on fertilizer production and sale. In exchange for the payment of a fee, fertilizer users and producers would receive regulatory relief from both the State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards. On August 21, 2017, SB 623 was substantially amended to, among other things, levy a tax on all water users in California to pay for safe drinking water. Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee were asked to weigh-in on this highly controversial bill language that received no policy committee vetting and would have drastically changed the way water quality projects are funded in the State.

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EMWD acknowledges and supports a solution to providing safe, clean, and reliable drinking water, however, EMWD opposes efforts to levy a statewide tax on water. Additionally, the District firmly believes that any solution that does not resolve governance concerns in regions where contaminated water is chronically served will fail to be a sustainable solution to this critical public safety issue. If funding is supplied without addressing governance concerns then there will be no incentive to correct the core problem. In an effort to bring awareness to these concerns, EMWD joined a large coalition of water providers, associations, tax advocates, and others to lobby against SB 623, and the District underwent an extensive media and social media campaign to bring awareness to this very challenging issue.

At the close of session, SB 623 ultimately failed to move off of the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File; however, in an unusual move, the bill was returned to Assembly Rules Committee and remained there until the end of session.

Opportunities for 2018

A number of high-profile issues remain on the table for discussion in 2018. Negotiations on legislation pertaining to long term water use efficiency are anticipated to reach a conclusion once the Legislature returns in January 2018, and it is likely that the bills could be taken up for a vote within the first several weeks of the legislative session.

Proponents of SB 623 (Monning) Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund have been working throughout the session break to garner support for their bill, and there will be a big push to establish a tax on water to address safe

and accessible drinking water concerns when the Legislature comes back to session in January 2018. In a related effort, the State Board is expected to submit the LIRA program recommendations report to the Legislature by February 1, 2018, outlining a potential path forward for the State to adopt a LIRA program to address water affordability. Following the February 1, 2018 deadline, it is widely assumed that legislation will be introduced to implement the recommendations within the report.

EMWD will be deeply engaged in addressing the water accessibility issue, as the District is preparing

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to introduce legislation to examine and address water system governance reforms necessary to facilitate access to sustainable financing solutions, increase economies of scale, establish public oversight and government transparency, and attract system managers that have the skills and experience necessary to provide safe and reliable drinking water. EMWD’s past experience with water system consolidations and work in extending water service to areas suffering from frequent system failures, inadequate fire flows, or water quality issues has resulted in a universal recognition that governance issues need to be addressed before funding should be applied. The initial proposal has been well received and EMWD will be working with supporters and opponents to craft a sustainable and workable solution to a very complicated problem.

Another potential source for legislation is the recently completed Little Hoover Commission (Commission) report on special districts entitled “Special Districts: Improving Oversight and Transparency.” This report was developed following a series of public hearings and business meetings and took more than a year to complete. Included in the report are a list of twenty recommendations to the Legislature on areas that could potentially improve the function and transparency of special districts in California. The report recommendations specifically highlighted opportunities to enhance local area formation commission (LAFCO) oversight powers and establish one-time funding for LAFCOs; improve special district transparency and public engagement processes; enhance and elevate the role of special districts in addressing climate change; and avoid service redundancies by healthcare districts, especially in regions where the healthcare district does not operate a hospital. EMWD was engaged throughout the research and public hearing process leading up to the development of the report and will continue to engage as legislation is introduced to implement the report recommendations.

As the second year of the two-year legislative session gets underway, EMWD will continue to engage Legislators and stakeholders as bills are introduced that could impact the District and its ratepayers, and the District will continue to work proactively on behalf of the region to ensure the delivery of safe and reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water services in a cost effective manner.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW PROCESS

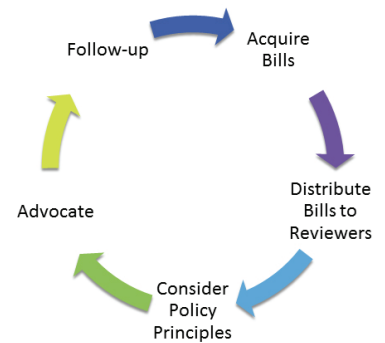
ACQUIRE BILLS Governmental Affairs staff reviews and evaluates all introduced legislation to determine relevance to EMWD.

DISTRIBUTE BILLS TO REVIEWERS Relevant bills are distributed to the Legislative Action Team members for review. Committee members provide: analysis of impact to EMWD, if any; recommended EMWD legislative position; and recommended amendments, if any.

CONSIDER POLICY PRINCIPLES Consider related Board adopted Policy Principles. Ten policy principles have been adopted by the EMWD Board of Directors: Water Recycling, Biosolids, Groundwater Management, Desalination, Water Use Efficiency, Bay Delta/ State Water Project, Integrated Regional Water Management Plans, Water Infrastructure Financing, Governance, and Renewable Energy/Energy Management.

ADVOCATE Generate and distribute legislative reports consisting of bill information and recommended positions. Advocate EMWD's position with letters, faxes, emails, phone calls, and meetings with legislators and their staff. Form coalitions with other organizations as necessary.

FOLLOW-UP Acknowledge legislators who vote in favor of EMWD's positions with phone calls and thank you letters; continue dialogue with others.



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LEGISLATION BY SUBJECT

Air Quality

AB 1132..... Garcia (D)..... Nonvehicular Air Pollution: Order for Abatement Enacted
AB 1317..... Gray (D)..... Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Program Enacted

Brown Act/Ethics

AB 428..... Ridley-Thomas S (D) ... Local Government: the Ralph M. Brown Act Enacted
AB 664..... Steinorth (R) Political Reform Act: Campaign Expenditure Failed

California Environmental Quality Act

AB 1117..... Fong (R) California Environmental Quality Act Failed
AB 1133..... Dahle (R) California Endangered Species Act..... Enacted
AB 1404..... Berman (D) Environmental Quality Act: Categorical Exemption Failed
SB 80 Wieckowski (D) California Environmental Quality Act: Notices..... Vetoed
SB 224 Jackson (D)..... California Environmental Quality Act: Baseline Conditions... Gutted and Amended
SB 771 de León (D) California Environmental Quality Act Failed

Climate Change

AB 184..... Berman (D) Sea Level Rise Planning: Database Enacted
AB 733..... Berman (D) Infrastructure Financing Districts: Climate Change Enacted
AB 1683..... Burke (D)..... Transformative Climate Communities Program: Report..... Failed
SB 262 Wieckowski (D) Climate Change: Climate Adaptation: Advisory Council Failed
SB 263 Leyva (D) Climate Assistance Centers Failed

Conservation/Water Use Efficiency

AB 588..... Dababneh (D) Contractual Assessments: Financing Improvements Failed
AB 641..... Harper (R) Water Conservation and Reclamation Projects Failed
AB 869..... Rubio (D)..... Sustainable Water Use: Recycled Water Failed
AB 968..... Rubio (D)..... Retail Water Use: Water Efficiency..... Failed
AB 1041..... Levine (D)..... Urban Water Suppliers: Urban Water Shortage Gutted and Amended
AB 1323..... Weber (D) Sustainable Water Use and Demand Reduction Failed
AB 1343..... Chen (R) Go Low Flow Water Conservation Partnerships Enacted
AB 1654..... Rubio (D)..... Water Conservation..... Failed
AB 1668..... Friedman (D)..... Water Management Planning Failed
AB 1669..... Friedman (D)..... Urban Water Conservation Standards and Use Reporting Failed

Conservation/Water Use Efficiency (continued)

AB 1673	Aguiar-Curry (D)	The California Water Plan	Failed
SB 276	Dodd (D)	State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program	Failed
SB 558	Glazer (D)	Property Taxation: New Construction Exclusion: Rain	Failed
SB 606	Skinner (D)	Water Management Planning	Failed
SB 780	Wiener (D)	Water Conservation in Landscaping Act	Failed
SCA 9	Glazer (D)	Property Tax: New Construction Exclusion: Rain Water	Failed

Contracts

AB 92	Bonta (D)	Public Contracts: Payment	Enacted
AB 262	Bonta (D)	Public Contracts: Bid Specifications	Enacted
AB 639	Obernolte (R)	Department of General Services: Contracts	Vetoed
AB 1080	Gonzalez (D)	Public Contracts: Bid Preferences: Employee Health Care	Failed
AB 1223	Caballero (D)	Construction Contract Payments: Web Site Posting	Enacted
AB 1250	Jones-Sawyer (D)	Counties: Contracts for Personal Services	Failed
AB 1457	Allen T (R)	State Contract Act: Suspension Of Contractors: Contempt	Failed
AB 1489	Brough (R)	Architects Practice Act	Failed
AB 1552	Quirk-Silva (D)	LGBT Business Enterprise Procurement: Late Payment	Failed
AB 1701	Thurmond (D)	Labor Related Liabilities: Original Contractor	Enacted
SB 423	Cannella (R)	Indemnity: Design Professionals	Failed

Desalination

AB 457	Cunningham (R)	Saline Water Conversion: Diablo Canyon	Failed
AB 554	Cunningham (R)	Desalination: Statewide Goal	Failed
AB 642	Harper (R)	Desalinated Water	Failed

Design-Build

AB 851	Caballero (D)	Local Agency Contracts	Enacted
SB 373	Cannella (R)	Public Contracts: Design-build: Regional Water	Enacted

Elections/Procedures

AB 1025	Rubio (D)	Incompatible Public Offices	Failed
ACA 3	Kiley (R)	Elections: Initiatives and Referenda	Failed
SB 45	Mendoza (D)	Political Reform Act: Mass Mailing Prohibition	Enacted

Eminent Domain

AB 408..... Chen (R)..... Eminent Domain: Final Offer of Compensation..... Failed

Energy/Renewable

AB 36..... Nazarian (D)..... Eligible Fuel Cell Electrical Generating Facilities..... Vetoed

AB 546..... Chiu (D)..... Land Use: Local Ordinances: Energy Systems..... Enacted

AB 726..... Holden (D)..... Energy..... Failed

AB 803..... Quirk (D)..... Energy: Low-Income Energy Efficiency Programs..... Failed

AB 914..... Mullin (D)..... Transmission Planning: Energy Storage and Demand..... Failed

AB 920..... Aguiar-Curry (D)..... Electricity: Procurement Plans: Integrated Resource..... Failed

AB 1030..... Ting (D)..... Energy Storage Systems..... Failed

AB 1070..... Gonzalez (D)..... Solar Energy Systems: Contracts: Disclosures..... Enacted

AB 1198..... Dahle (R)..... Net Energy Metering..... Failed

AB 1414..... Friedman (D)..... Solar Energy Systems: Permits..... Enacted

AB 1431..... Arambula (D)..... Energy Efficiency: Renewable Energy Resources..... Failed

AB 1494..... Patterson (R)..... Energy Efficiency..... Failed

AB 1573..... Bloom (D)..... Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program..... Failed

SB 64..... Wieckowski (D)..... Independent System Operator: Integration of Generation..... Failed

SB 100..... de León (D)..... Renewables Portfolio Standards: Biomethane: Emissions..... Failed

SB 338..... Skinner (D)..... Integrated Resource Plan: Peak Demand..... Enacted

SB 618..... Bradford (D)..... Load-Serving Entities: Resource Plan..... Enacted

Finance/Fees

AB 48..... Ting (D)..... Local Government Finance: Property Tax Revenue..... Failed

AB 56..... Holden (D)..... Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: Housing..... Enacted

AB 161..... Levine (D)..... Department of Finance: Infrastructure Investment..... Failed

AB 219..... McCarty (D)..... Property Taxes: Revenue Allocations..... Failed

AB 267..... Waldron (R)..... Community Services Districts..... Failed

AB 271..... Caballero (D)..... Property Assessed Clean Energy Program..... Failed

AB 448..... Daly (D)..... Local Governments: Parcel Taxes: Notice..... Failed

AB 679..... Cooley (D)..... Public Employees Retirement: Investments: Security Loan..... Enacted

AB 828..... Obernolte (R)..... Civil Actions: Fee Recovery..... Enacted

AB 1543..... Gloria (D)..... Municipal Water Districts: Bonds..... Failed

ACR 40..... Ting (D)..... Legislature: State Budget: Zero-Based Budgeting..... Failed

SB 206..... Gov&Fin Cmt..... Validations..... Enacted

Finance/Fees (continued)

SB 207	Gov&Fin Cmt	Validations	Enacted
SB 208	Gov&Fin Cmt	Validations	Enacted
SB 231	Hertzberg (D)	Local Government: Fees and Charges	Enacted
SB 242	Skinner (D)	Property Assessed Clean Energy Program-PACE	Enacted
SB 589	Hernandez (D)	Financial Capability Analysis: Pilot Project	Failed
SB 659	Stern (D)	Alternative Energy Financing	Failed
SCA 4	Hertzberg (D)	Water Conservation	Failed

Grants/Loans/Bonds

AB 18	Garcia E (D)	Clean Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection Act	Failed
AB 277	Mathis (R)	Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program	Enacted
AB 560	Salas (D)	Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: Financing	Enacted
AB 1442	Allen T (R)	Bonds: Transportation: Water Projects	Failed
SB 5	de León (D)	California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate	Enacted
SB 450	Hertzberg (D)	Public Bodies: Bonds: Public Notice	Enacted

Graywater

SB 740	Wiener (D)	Onsite Treated Water	Failed
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Green House Gas Emissions

AB 79	Levine (D)	Electrical Generation: Hourly Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Vetoed
AB 151	Burke (D)	California Global Warming Solutions Act	Failed
AB 196	Bigelow (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Water Supply	Failed
AB 302	Gipson (D)	South Coast Air Quality Management District: Fleets	Failed
AB 378	Garcia (D)	Greenhouse Gases and Criteria Air Pollutants	Failed
AB 388	Mullin (D)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Wetland Restoration	Failed
AB 398	Garcia E (D)	Emissions: Compliance Mechanisms: Tax Exemptions	Enacted
AB 419	Salas (D)	Greenhouse Gases: Life Cycle Emissions Profiles	Failed
AB 476	Gipson (D)	Vehicular Air Pollution: Heavy-Duty Vehicles	Failed
AB 617	Garcia (D)	Nonvehicular Air Pollution: Criteria Air Pollutants	Enacted
AB 1383	Fong (R)	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	Failed
ACA 1	Mayes (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund	Enacted
SB 121	B&FR Cmt	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Expenditure Plan	Failed

Groundwater/Sustainable Groundwater Management

AB 321	Mathis (R)	Groundwater Sustainability Agencies	Enacted
AB 487	Mathis (R)	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act	Failed
AB 719	Fong (R)	Underground Storage Tanks: Expedited Claim Pilot	Failed
AB 1009	Gallagher (R)	Sustainable Groundwater Management	Failed
AB 1369	Gray (D)	Water Quality and Storage	Failed
AB 1427	Eggman (D)	Water: Underground Storage	Failed
AB 1562	Garcia E (D)	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Desert Water	Failed
SB 193	Cannella (R)	Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lake Nacimiento	Failed
SB 252	Dodd (D)	Water Wells	Enacted
SB 372	Cannella (R)	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater	Enacted
SB 669	Moorlach (R)	Sustainable Groundwater Management	Failed

Human Resources

AB 46	Cooper (D)	Employers: Wage Discrimination	Enacted
AB 52	Cooper (D)	Public Employee: Orientation And Informational Programs	Failed
AB 581	McCarty (D)	Apprenticeships on Public Works Projects	Enacted
AB 168	Eggman (D)	Employers: Salary Information	Enacted
AB 1008	McCarty (D)	Employment Discrimination: Conviction History	Enacted
AB 1017	Santiago (D)	Collective Bargaining Agreements: Arbitration	Failed
AB 1111	Garcia E (D)	Removing Barriers to Employment Act: Breaking Barriers	Enacted
AB 1173	Harper (R)	Employment: Work Hours: Holiday Season: Overtime	Failed
AB 1174	Harper (R)	Right to Work: Labor Organizations	Failed
AB 1238	Kiley (R)	Background Checks: Volunteers	Failed
AB 1241	Flora (R)	Employment: Work Hours	Failed
AB 1309	Cooley (D)	Employment Without Reinstatement	Enacted
AB 1388	Chen (R)	Employers: Wage Discrimination	Failed
AB 1565	Thurmond (D)	Work Hours: Overtime Compensation	Failed
AB 1603	Ridley-Thomas S (D)	Meyers-Milias-Brown Act: Local Public Agencies	Failed
AB 1703	L&E Cmt	Employee Wages	Failed
ACA 15	Brough (R)	Public Employee Retirement Benefits	Failed
SB 32	Moorlach (R)	Public Employees' Pension Reform	Failed
SB 62	Jackson (D)	Unlawful Employment: Family and Medical Leave	Gutted and Amended
SB 63	Jackson (D)	Unlawful Employment Practice: Parental Leave	Enacted
SB 76	Nielsen (R)	Excluded Employees: Arbitration	Failed
SB 285	Atkins (D)	Public Employers: Union Organizing	Enacted

Human Resources (continued)

SB 371	Moorlach (R)	Local Public Employee Organizations	Failed
SB 524	Vidak (R)	Employment: Violations: Good Faith Defense	Failed

Information Technology

AB 22	Bonta (D)	Secretary Of State: Storing and Recording Media	Enacted
AB 241	Dababneh (D)	Personal Information: Privacy: State and Local Breach	Failed
AB 531	Irwin (D)	Office of Information Security: Security Technologies	Vetoed
AB 650	Dahle (R)	Director of Technology: State Security Control	Failed
AB 874	Lackey (R)	Identity Theft	Failed
AB 1186	Chau (D)	Cybersecurity	Failed
AB 1306	Obernolte (R)	California Cybersecurity Integration Center	Vetoed
AB 1359	Chau (D)	Cybersecurity: Critical Infrastructure Business: Notice	Failed
AB 1546	Burke (D)	Public Contracts: Information Technology: Report	Failed

Local Area Formation Commissions/Local Governments

AB 464	Gallagher (R)	Local Government Reorganization	Enacted
AB 645	Quirk (D)	Local Government: Organization: Dissolution	Failed
AB 979	Lackey (R)	Local Agency Formation Commissions: Representation	Enacted
AB 1507	Grayson (D)	Local Government	Failed
AB 1725	Local Gov Cmt	Local Agency Formation	Enacted
SB 205	Gov&Fin Cmt	Local Government Omnibus Act of 2017	Enacted

Miscellaneous

AB 4	Waldron (R)	Voter Notification	Enacted
AB 12	Cooley (D)	State Government: Administrative Regulations: Review	Failed
AB 14	Gomez (D)	Political Reform Act: Campaign Disclosures	Failed
AB 55	Thurmond (D)	Hazardous Materials Management: Stationary Sources	Enacted
AB 73	Chiu (D)	Planning and Zoning: Housing Sustainability Districts	Enacted
AB 77	Fong (R)	Regulations: Effective Dates and Legislative Review	Failed
AB 125	Budget Cmt	Clean Energy Job Creation Program and Citizen Oversight	Failed
AB 187	Gloria (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Local Ballot Measure	Enacted
AB 190	Steinorth (R)	Local Government: Development Permits: Design Review	Failed
AB 199	Chu (D)	Public Works: Private Residential Projects	Enacted
AB 200	Eggman (D)	Reclamation District No. 1614: Pump Station No. 7	Failed
AB 202	Steinorth (R)	Planning and Zoning: Permits	Failed

Miscellaneous (continued)

AB 239	Ridley-Thomas S (D)	California Environmental Quality Act: Urbanized Areas	Failed
AB 246	Santiago (D)	Environmental Quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement	Enacted
AB 289	Gray (D)	Office of Emergency Service: Emergency Plan: Update	Enacted
AB 358	Grayson (D)	Regional Economic Development Areas	Failed
AB 466	Bocanegra (D)	Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group	Enacted
AB 509	Frazier (D)	Tire Recycling: Tire Regulatory Fee Program	Failed
AB 551	Levine (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Postemployment	Enacted
AB 567	Quirk-Silva (D)	School Facilities: Drinking Water Fountains	Failed
AB 577	Caballero (D)	Disadvantaged Communities	Failed
AB 599	Waldron (R)	Legislative Modernization Working Group	Failed
AB 660	Rubio (D)	Public Agencies: Unlawful Interference	Enacted
AB 672	Jones-Sawyer (D)	Utility Services	Failed
AB 744	Cunningham (R)	Legislative Counsel: Legislative Information	Failed
AB 804	Garcia (D)	Controller: Internal Control Guidelines	Enacted
AB 816	Kiley (R)	California Environmental Protection Agency	Failed
AB 890	Medina (D)	Land Use: Planning and Zoning: Initiatives	Vetoed
AB 907	Garcia E (D)	Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands	Failed
AB 975	Friedman (D)	Natural Resources: Wild and Scenic Rivers	Failed
AB 1032	Calderon I (D)	State Department of Public Health	Failed
AB 1097	Levine (D)	Department of Fish and Wildlife: Natural Areas Program	Failed
AB 1212	Dahle (R)	Hazardous Materials: Chemicals of Concern	Failed
AB 1222	Quirk (D)	Vehicles: Electronic Wireless Communications Devices	Enacted
AB 1225	Patterson (R)	State Department of Public Health: Regulations	Failed
AB 1235	Daly (D)	Santa Ana River Conservancy Program	Failed
AB 1270	Gallagher (R)	Dams and Reservoirs: Inspections and Reporting	Failed
AB 1337	Patterson (R)	Fish and Game Commission: Meetings and Hearings	Failed
AB 1342	Flora (R)	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Appropriations	Failed
AB 1397	Low (D)	Local Planning: Housing Element	Enacted
AB 1400	Friedman (D)	Microgrid Projects: Diesel Backup Generators	Enacted
AB 1483	Daly (D)	Housing-related Parks Program	Failed
AB 1558	Garcia (D)	Los Angeles River: River Ranger Program	Enacted
AB 1587	Levine (D)	Invasive Species: Dreissenid Mussels	Failed
AB 1620	Dababneh (D)	Political Reform Act: Postgovernment Employment	Enacted
AB 1645	Muratsuchi (D)	Hydrogen Fluoride: Notice Of Use: Substitution	Failed
AB 1658	Frazier (D)	State Agencies: Accountability	Failed

Miscellaneous (continued)

AB 1671	Caballero (D)	Backflow Protection and Cross-Connection Controls	Enacted
AB 1713	Agriculture Cmt	Fertilizer: Fertilizing Material	Failed
ACA 9	Obernolte (R)	Budget Bill: Passage Requirements	Failed
SB 49	de León (D)	Environmental and Workers' Defense Act	Failed
SB 50	Allen (D)	Federal Public Lands: Conveyances	Enacted
SB 51	Jackson (D)	Environmental Sciences and Climate Change: Data	Vetoed
SB 212	Jackson (D)	Medical Waste	Failed
SB 513	Bradford (D)	Assault and Battery of a Public Utility Worker	Vetoed
SB 564	McGuire (D)	Water Bill Savings Act	Enacted
SB 667	Atkins (D)	Riverine and Riparian Stewardship	Enacted
SB 704	Galgiani (D)	Division of Boating and Waterways	Enacted

PERS/Pension Reform

AB 100	Budget Cmt	Public Employees' Retirement Fund	Failed
AB 833	Allen T (R)	Public Employees' Retirement	Failed
AB 946	Ting (D)	State Public Retirement Systems: Divestiture	Failed
AB 1310	Allen T (R)	Public Retirement Systems: Member Statements	Failed
AB 1311	Allen T (R)	Public Employees' Retirement System: Board	Failed
AB 1366	Brough (R)	California Public Employees Pension Reform Act of 2013	Failed
AB 1487	Rodriguez (D)	Public Employees Retirement System	Gutted and Amended
SB 200	Morrell (R)	Public Employees Retirement Benefits: Compensation	Failed
SB 571	Pan (D)	Public Employee Retirement Plans: Enrollment	Failed
SCA 8	Moorlach (R)	Public Employee Retirement Benefits	Failed
SCA 10	Moorlach (R)	Public Employee Retirement Benefits	Failed

Public Works

AB 1066	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Public Works: Definition	Enacted
AB 1628	Grayson (D)	Public Works: Independent Contractors	Failed
SB 496	Cannella (R)	Indemnity: Design Professionals	Enacted

Recycled Water

AB 574	Quirk (D)	Potable Reuse	Enacted
AB 640	Harper (R)	Recycled Water: Recycling Criteria	Failed

Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta

AB 732	Frazier (D)	Levee Maintenance	Failed
AB 791	Frazier (D)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Conveyance Facility	Failed
AB 792	Frazier (D)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Plan: Certification	Failed
AB 793	Frazier (D)	Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Financing	Failed
AB 1050	Allen T (R)	Endangered Species Act: Delta Smelt	Failed
SB 580	Pan (D)	Water development projects: Sacramento-San Joaquin	Enacted

Salton-Sea

SB 615	Hueso (D)	Salton Sea Restoration	Enacted
SB 701	Hueso (D)	Salton Sea Obligations Act of 2018	Failed

State Water Resources Control Board

AB 1438	Envs&Toxm Cmt	State Water Resource Control Board	Enacted
SB 417	Berryhill (R)	State Water Resources Control Board	Failed

Transparency/Public Records

AB 492	Grayson (D)	Advertising and Solicitations: Government Documents	Enacted
AB 1052	Allen T (R)	Financial Information System for California	Failed
AB 1248	Gloria (D)	Public Agencies: Information	Failed
AB 1333	Dababneh (D)	Political Reform Act: Local Government Agency Notices	Failed
AB 1455	Bocanegra (D)	The California Public Records Act: Exemptions	Enacted
SB 24	Portantino (D)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Economic Interest	Failed
SB 657	Bates (R)	California Public Records Act: Reverse Public Records	Failed
SB 804	Morrell (R)	Public Records	Failed

Urban Water Management Plan

AB 1271	Gallagher (R)	Urban Water Management Plans	Gutted and Amended
AB 1273	Gallagher (R)	Urban Water Management Plans	Gutted and Amended

Water Quality

AB 166	Salas (D)	Safe Drinking Water: Household Filtration Systems	Gutted and Amended
AB 247	Garcia (D)	Public Health: Childhood Lead Poisoning: Task Force	Vetoed
AB 272	Gipson (D)	Southeast Los Angeles County Drinking Water Relief Act	Failed
AB 305	Arambula (D)	School Accountability Report Card: Drinking Water	Failed
AB 339	Mathis (R)	State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account	Enacted

Water Quality (continued)

AB 355	Chu (D)	Water Resources Control Board: Public Water Systems	Enacted
AB 366	Obernolte (R)	Water Supply: New Residential Development: Permits...	Gutted and Amended
AB 444	Ting (D)	Medical Waste: Home-Generated Medical Waste	Failed
AB 474	Garcia E (D)	Hazardous Waste: Spent Brine Solutions	Enacted
AB 619	Dahle (R)	Sierra Lakes County Water District	Enacted
AB 746	Gonzalez (D)	Public Health: Potable Water Systems: Lead Testing	Enacted
AB 852	Caballero (D)	Hazardous Waste: Nonbiodegradable Toxic Chemicals	Failed
AB 885	Rubio (D)	Pupil Health: Drinking Water: Lead	Failed
AB 967	Gloria (D)	Human Remains Disposal: Alkaline Hydrolysis: Licensure	Enacted
AB 1211	Dahle (R)	State Policy for Water Quality Control	Failed
AB 1328	Limon (D)	Oil and Gas: Water Quality	Enacted
AB 1490	Gray (D)	State Water Resources Control Board: School Water	Failed
AB 1529	Thurmond (D)	Cross Connection or Backflow Prevention Inspectors	Failed
AB 1605	Caballero (D)	Maximum Contaminant Levels: Replacement Water	Failed
AB 1621	Allen T (R)	Proposition 65: Enforcement: Private Actions	Failed
SB 210	Leyva (D)	Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program	Failed
SB 427	Leyva (D)	Community Water Systems: Lead User Service Lines	Enacted
SB 541	Allen (D)	School Facilities: Water Capture Practices	Enacted
SB 623	Monning (D)	Water Quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund	Failed
SB 633	Portantino (D)	Water Quality Objectives: Stormwater	Failed
SB 778	Hertzberg (D)	Safe Drinking Water Fund	Failed

Water Rights

AB 313	Gray (D)	Water	Vetoed
AB 429	Grayson (D)	State Water Policy: Water Rights: Use/Transferability	Failed
AB 589	Bigelow (R)	Water Diversion: Monitoring: University of California	Enacted
AB 1075	Reyes (D)	Rights: Temporary Permits: Expiration	Failed
AB 1420	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Water Rights: Small Irrigation Use	Failed
SB 146	Wilk (R)	Water Resources: Permit To Appropriate	Failed

Water Supply

AB 367	Obernolte (R)	Water Supply: Building Permits	Enacted
AB 594	Irwin (D)	Water Supply Planning: Photovoltaic Energy Facility	Failed
AB 707	Aguiar-Curry (D)	Clear Lake	Enacted
AB 723	Arambula (D)	Agricultural Water Suppliers: Water Management	Failed

Water Supply (continued)

AB 892	Waldron (R)	Municipal Water Districts: Water Service: Indian Tribes	Failed
AB 947	Gallagher (R)	Fish and Wildlife: Streambed Alteration Agreements	Failed
AB 1000	Friedman (D)	Water Conveyance: Unused Facility Capacity	Failed
AB 1047	Gallagher (R)	Disaster Relief: Lake Oroville	Failed
AB 1180	Holden (D)	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Enacted

Water

AB 176	Salas (D)	Water Project: Friant-Kern Canal	Failed
AB 472	Frazier (D)	Water Transfers: Idled Agricultural Land: Wildlife	Gutted and Amended
AB 552	Irwin (D)	United Water Conservation District	Enacted
AB 685	Fong (R)	Water: Dams and Reservoirs	Failed
AB 884	Levine (D)	Dams and Reservoirs: Inspections	Failed
AB 1481	Nazarian (D)	Water: Public Use	Failed
SB 214	Atkins (D)	San Diego River Conservancy	Enacted
SB 506	Nielsen (R)	Department of Fish and Wildlife: Lake or Streambed	Vetoed
SB 519	Beall (D)	Santa Clara Valley Water District	Failed
SB 634	Wilk (R)	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	Enacted

Workers Compensation

AB 44	Reyes (D)	Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment	Enacted
AB 206	Gonzalez (D)	Workers Compensation: Employees	Failed
AB 221	Gray (D)	Workers' Compensation: Liability for Payment	Failed
AB 373	Melendez (R)	Worker's Compensation	Failed
AB 553	Daly (D)	Workers' Compensation: Return-to-Work Program	Failed
AB 570	Gonzalez (D)	Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability	Vetoed
AB 680	McCarty (D)	Workers Compensation: Studies	Failed
AB 708	Quirk-Silva (D)	Occupational Safety and Health: Accidents: Notification	Failed
AB 1260	Medina (D)	Workers Compensation	Failed
AB 1295	Chu (D)	Workers' Compensation: Aggregate Disability Payments	Failed
AB 1697	Insurance Cmt	Workers' Compensation	Failed

CHAPTERED LEGISLATION

AB 4 Waldron (R) <i>Chapter No. 2017-29</i>	Voter Notification Authorizes a county elections official to first send the recipient of a voter notification or voter preregistration notification a text message or email indicating that his or her information has been received and that a subsequent notification will follow. EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: (D) Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 22 Bonta (D) <i>Chapter No. 2017-834</i>	Secretary Of State: Storing and Recording Media Approves and adopt uniform statewide standards for the purpose of storing and recording permanent and nonpermanent documents in electronic media. Requires those standards to include a requirement that a trusted system. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Michelle Herrington
AB 44 Reyes (D) <i>Chapter No. 2017-736</i>	Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment Requires employers to provide immediate support from a nurse case manager to employees injured in the course of employment by an act of domestic terrorism. Requires employer appointed nurse case managers to assist claimants to obtain medically necessary treatments. Requires an employer to provide a prescribed notice to claimants. Makes provisions applicable only if the Governor declares a state of emergency in connection with the act of domestic terrorism. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Doug Hefley
AB 46 Cooper (D) <i>Chapter No. 2017-776</i>	Employers: Wage Discrimination Amends an existing law which authorizes an employee paid lesser wages in violation of certain prohibitions to file a complaint and to commence a civil action for the wages. Defines employer to include public and private employers. Exempts a public employer from the misdemeanor provision. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 55 Thurmond (D) <i>Chapter No. 2017-608</i>	Hazardous Materials Management: Stationary Sources Requires a worker to have completed at least a certain number of hours of an approved advanced safety training to qualify as a skilled journeyman for the purposes of being contracted to perform work at a stationary source. Provides that the redacted copy of a contract for work at a stationary source is a public record and specifies that the unredacted copy is not a public record. EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Denise Bowman; Jayne Joy

AB 56

Holden (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-289***Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: Housing**

Revises the definition of the term public development facilities for purposes of the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act to mean real and personal property and structures, excluding any housing, that are directly related to providing housing-related infrastructure, which includes streets, drainage, water supply, utilities facilities, public transit improvement, sewage collection, and water treatment.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Charles Turner**

AB 73

Chiu (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-371***Planning and Zoning: Housing Sustainability Districts**

Authorizes a city, county, or city and county to establish a housing sustainability district and to apply for approval for a zoning incentive payment. Provides for permits for residential development, design review standards, and certain application fees. Requires that prevailing wages be paid in connection with all projects within the district. Requires a lead agency, when designating districts, to prepare an environmental impact report for the designation.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 92

Bonta (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-37***Public Contracts: Payment**

Extends the operation of existing law which authorizes the retention proceeds withheld from any payment by an awarding entity from the original contractor, by the original contractor from any subcontractor, and by a subcontractor from any subcontractor to exceed a certain amount on specific projects where the director of the applicable department has made a specified finding.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Joe Mouawad**

AB 168

Eggman (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-688***Employers: Salary Information**

Prohibits an employer from relying on the salary history information of an applicant for employment as a factor in determining whether to offer an applicant employment or what salary to offer an applicant. Provides that an applicant is not prohibited from voluntarily disclosing salary history information and would not prohibit an employer from considering or relying on that voluntarily disclosed salary history information in determining salary.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 184

Berman (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-338***Sea Level Rise Planning: Database**

Postpones the repeal date of existing law which requires the Natural Resources Agency to create and post on an Internet Web site a Planning for Sea Level Rise Database for purposes of planning for sea level rise.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 187

Gloria (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-183***Political Reform Act of 1974: Local Ballot Measure**

Amends the Political Reform Act to require a committee to file a report each time it makes contributions or independent expenditures aggregating a specified amount or more to support or oppose qualifications of a local initiative or referendum ballot measure.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 199

Chu (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-610***Public Works: Private Residential Projects**

Relates to an exemption from specified requirements relating to projects defined as public works for private residential projects on private property. Makes this exemption inapplicable to a project built pursuant to an agreement with a successor agency to a redevelopment agency.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 246

Santiago (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-522***Environmental Quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement**

Amends the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act which authorizes the Governor to certify projects that are certified as LEED silver or better, achieve a certain standard for transportation efficiency, and creates high wage, highly skilled jobs. Increases the certification of the project to LEED gold or better. Increases the transportation efficiency standard. Requires compliance with commercial and organic waste recycling. Requires judicial review.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Danielle Coats**

AB 262

Bonta (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-816***Public Contracts: Bid Specifications**

Relates to contracting buy certain public entities. Creates the Buy Clean California Act, which would require the Department of General Services to establish, and publish in the State Contracting Manual, a maximum acceptable global warming potential for each category of eligible materials. Requires an awarding authority to require a successful bidder to submit a current Environmental Product Declaration, developed in accordance with specified standards, for certain products.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel; Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad**

AB 277

Mathis (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-438***Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program**

Authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to establish the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program to provide funding to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. Authorizes a county or qualified nonprofit organization to apply to the board for a grant to award loans or grants, or both, to an eligible applicant. Authorizes the board to use a specified funding source.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright**

<p>AB 289</p> <p>Gray (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 2017-106</i></p>	<p>Office of Emergency Service: Emergency Plan: Update</p> <p>Requires the Office of Emergency Services to update the State Emergency Plan on or before 1/1/2019, and every 5 years thereafter.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: (C)</p>
<p>AB 321</p> <p>Mathis (R)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 2017-67</i></p>	<p>Groundwater Sustainability Agencies</p> <p>Includes farmers, ranchers, and dairy professionals in the agricultural users whose interests a groundwater sustainability agency is required to consider for sustainability plans.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin; Kelley Gage</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: (B)</p>
<p>AB 339</p> <p>Mathis (R)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 2017-439</i></p>	<p>State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account</p> <p>Limits payments from the Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account to grants. Authorizes the Water Resources Control Board, upon application by a public agency, a not-for-profit organization, or community water system, to make funds available from the account for a loan to assist in cleaning up waste, abating the effects of a waste, or addressing an urgent drinking water need. Requires specified revenues to be deposited into the Account.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Kelley Gage</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: (C)</p>
<p>AB 355</p> <p>Chu (D)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 2017-524</i></p>	<p>Water Resources Control Board: Public Water Systems</p> <p>Defines a publicly owned treatment works serving a small community, for the purposes of an exception to a penalty for certain violations, as a publicly owned treatment works serving a population below a certain number or a rural county, with a financial hardship. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to continuously report and update information on its Internet Web site. Allows the State Board to impose certain civil liability pursuant to administrative liability provisions.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: (C)</p>
<p>AB 367</p> <p>Obernolte (R)</p> <p><i>Chapter No. 2017-612</i></p>	<p>Water Supply: Building Permits</p> <p>Exempts from the prohibition on the issuance of a building permit any residence that will be rebuilt because of a fire, where those residences fall under a source of water supply that is water transported by a water hauler, bottled water, a water-vending machine, or a retail water facility.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Danielle Coats</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priority: (C)</p>

AB 398

Garcia E (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-135***Emissions: Compliance Mechanisms: Tax Exemptions**

Requires the State Air Resources Board to approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Requires the plan to include specified market-based compliance mechanisms. Establishes the Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee. Suspends a fire prevention fee. Exempts qualified tangible personal property purchased for use in the generation of certain electric power from gross receipts tax.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 428

Ridley-Thomas S (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-137***Local Government: the Ralph M. Brown Act**

Extends indefinitely, the operation of provisions relating to the establishment of a quorum for teleconferenced meetings of a health authority, under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 464

Gallagher (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-43***Local Government Reorganization**

Relates to local government reorganization and a requirement that an applicant seeking a change of organization or reorganization submit a plan for providing services with the affected territory. Specifies that the plan is required to include specific information regarding services currently provided to the affected territory. Requires a resolution to be based upon certain findings, including certain findings concerning the receipt of electrical service.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 466

Bocanegra (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-341***Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group**

Establishes within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group. Establishes duties and membership of the working group. Establishes regulation relating to a revitalization plan.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 474

Garcia E (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-840***Hazardous Waste: Spent Brine Solutions**

Exempts spent brine solutions that are byproducts of the treatment of groundwater to meet California drinking water standards from Hazardous Waste Control Law requirements if certain conditions are met. Requests surface impoundments used for the treatment of spent brine solutions to maintain financial assurances consistent with requirements of the Hazardous Waste Control Law.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; John Daverin; Kelley Gage**

AB 492

Grayson (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-293***Advertising and Solicitations: Government Documents**

Permits a nongovernmental entity to solicit a fee for providing a copy of a public record if that solicitation meets specified requirements. Authorizes an action against a person who violates this provision and provides for civil penalties.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 546

Chiu (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-380***Land Use: Local Ordinances: Energy Systems**

Relates to the Planning and Zoning Law. Requires certain cities and counties to make all documentation and forms associated with the permitting of advanced energy storage available on a publicly accessible Web site. Provides for the electronic submittal of permit applications. Authorizes the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to provide guidance on energy storage permitting, including streamlining, best practices, and certain factors for consideration by local government.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad**

AB 551

Levine (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-196***Political Reform Act of 1974: Postemployment**

Amends the Political Reform Act, which prohibits certain elected officials from acting as agents or attorneys for certain persons, and which excludes from that prohibition certain appearances and communications. Specifies that the one-year prohibition applies to independent contractors of a local government agency or a public agency who are appearing or communicating on behalf of that agency.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Steve O'Neill**

AB 552

Irwin (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-294***United Water Conservation District**

Authorizes the United Water Conservation District to inspect facilities within its boundaries. Authorizes the to affix certain seals to an abandoned water-producing facility. Authorizes the District to assess an administrative charge to recover the cost of collection of delinquent unpaid charges. Authorizes the district to collect any delinquent groundwater charge and any interest, penalties, costs, and administrative charges in the same manner as delinquent assessments, water charges, or tolls.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 560

Salas (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-552***Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: Financing**

Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to provide grant funding, and principal forgiveness, and financing loans at zero percent from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to a project for a water system within a service area that qualifies as a severely disadvantaged community, if the water system demonstrates that repaying said loan would result in unaffordable water rates.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright**

AB 574

Quirk (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-528***Potable Reuse**

Specifies that direct potable reuse includes raw water augmentation and treated drinking water augmentation. Changes surface water augmentation to reservoir water augmentation. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse through raw water augmentation. Requires the Board to establish an expert review panel. Authorizes the Board to reconvene or reestablish such panel after adopting the initial uniform water recycling criteria.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (A)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jayne Joy; Kelley Gage**

AB 581

McCarty (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-553***Apprenticeships on Public Works Projects**

Requires an apprenticeship program, to be eligible to receive grant funds from the Apprenticeship Council, to agree to keep adequate records that document the expenditure of those funds and make all records available to the Department of Industrial Relations for specified purposes of the department. Requires verification that grants made by the council are used solely for training apprentices.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 589

Bigelow (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-471***Water Diversion: Monitoring: University of California**

Relates to any water diverter, who has completed an instructional course regarding the devices or measurement method administered by the UC Cooperative Extension, to be considered a qualified individual when installing and maintaining devices or implementing methods of measurement for the diverter's diversion. Requires a diverter to recomplete the course at a specified period. Requires the UC Cooperative Extension and the board to develop the curriculum of the course and the proficiency test.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: John Daverin; Brian Powell**

AB 617

Garcia (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-136***Nonvehicular Air Pollution: Criteria Air Pollutants**

Requires the State Air Resources Board to develop a uniform system for reporting of emissions of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants for use by certain categories of stationary sources. Requires the Board to prepare a plan regarding technologies for monitoring criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants. Requires the Board to prepare a strategy to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants in certain communities.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Dan Howell**

AB 619

Dahle (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-109***Sierra Lakes County Water District**

Authorizes the Sierra Lakes County Water District to adopt by ordinance specified requirements relating to the installation and use of tanks used for the storage of petroleum. Provides that the violation of the specified ordinances shall be an infraction and constitute a nuisance. Authorizes a violation of the ordinance to be redressed by a civil action brought by the district, and each day of the violation would constitute a separate offense.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 660

Rubio (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-381***Public Agencies: Unlawful Interference**

Makes it an infraction to intentionally interfere with any lawful business carried on by the employees of a public agency open to the public by knowingly making a material misrepresentation of the law to those attempting to transact business with the agency and refusing to leave.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 679

Cooley (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-198***Public Employees Retirement: Investments: Security Loan**

Requires a borrower to provide the board with collateral in the form of cash, federal government debt securities, or other specified forms of collateral at a specified percent of the market value of the loaned securities. Requires the revaluation of the collateral to current market value. Prohibits the total market value of loaned securities collateralized by marketable public equities and marketable international government bonds from exceeding a specified percentage of the assets of the retirement fund.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Charles Turner**

AB 707

Aguiar-Curry (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-842***Clear Lake**

Establishes the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake to consist of specified persons, including a person appointed by the Governor from the Natural Resources Agency, to meet quarterly for the purposes of discussion, reviewing research, planning, and providing oversight regarding the health of Clear Lake. Requires the committee to hold meetings in the County of Lake. Requires the committee to provide an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 733

Berman (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-657***Infrastructure Financing Districts: Climate Change**

Authorizes the financing of projects that enable communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change, including, but not limited to, specified impacts described in the bill. Makes conforming changes to the Legislature's findings and declarations.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 746

Gonzalez (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-746***Public Health: Potable Water Systems: Lead Testing**

Requires a community water system, that serves a school site of a local educational agency with a building constructed before a given date, to test for lead in the potable water system of the school site. Requires the community water system to report its findings to the school site. Requires the local educational agency, if the lead level exceed a specified level, to notify the parents and guardians of the pupils who attend the school site or preschool. Requires immediate safety actions by school personnel.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 804

Garcia (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-317***Controller: Internal Control Guidelines**

Authorizes the Controller to audit any local agency for purposes of determining whether the agency's internal controls are adequate to detect and prevent financial errors and fraud.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Charles Turner; Debby Cherney**

AB 828

Obernolte (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-583***Civil Actions: Fee Recovery**

Relates to civil actions. Authorizes a prevailing party to recover fees for the costs associated with the electronic presentation of exhibits, including costs of rental equipment and electronic formatting.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 851

Caballero (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-821***Local Agency Contracts**

Authorizes the Santa Clara Valley Water District to use the design build procurement process when contracting for the construction of a building, or buildings, and any directly related improvements. Authorizes the utilization of the design build procurement process by the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the purposes of flood protection improvements, habitat restorations or enhancements, and enhancement of surface water facilities.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: Jeff Wall; Joe Mouawad**

AB 967

Gloria (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-846***Human Remains Disposal: Alkaline Hydrolysis: Licensure**

Requires the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau to license and regulate hydrolysis facilities. Enacts requirements applicable to hydrolysis facilities substantially similar to those applicable to crematoria. Requires a local registrar of births or deaths to issue permits for the disposition of hydrolyzed remains. Requires an applicant for hydrolysis facility to present to the bureau any State or locally required permits for business operation and to employ a certified hydrolysis chamber.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jayne Joy; Jolene Walsh**

AB 979

Lackey (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-203***Local Agency Formation Commissions: Representation**

Requires the executive officer of a local agency formation commission to call and hold a meeting of the special district selection committee under certain circumstances. Establishes requirements for voting and resolution adoption relating to special district representation.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (A)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1008

McCarty (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-789***Employment Discrimination: Conviction History**

Repeals the prohibition on a State or local agency from asking an applicant for employment to disclose information regarding criminal conviction. Provides that it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer with a specified number of employees, to include on any application for employment any question that seeks the disclosure of an applicant's conviction history, to inquire into, or to consider the conviction history of an applicant until that applicant has received a conditional offer.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1066

Aguiar-Curry (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-616***Public Works: Definition**

Expands the meaning of the term public works to include specific types of tree removal work. Expands the scope of a crime.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel; Joe Mouawad**

AB 1070

Gonzalez (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-662***Solar Energy Systems: Contracts: Disclosures**

Requires the Contractors' State License Board to develop and make available on its Web site a specified disclosure document regarding solar energy system installation, to be provided to a consumer prior to completion of a sale, financing, or lease of a solar energy system. Requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to resolve complaints and questions regarding solar energy systems companies and contractors. Requires the Department to report complaint information on its Web site.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

AB 1111

Garcia E (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-824***Removing Barriers to Employment Act: Breaking Barriers**

Enacts the Removing Barriers to Employment Act. Establishes the Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative administered by the California Workforce Development Board. Specifies that the purpose of the initiative is to create a grant program to provide individuals, with barriers to employment, the services they need to enter, participate in, and complete broader workforce preparation, training, and education programs aligned with regional labor market needs. Creates a fund.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1132

Garcia (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-171***Nonvehicular Air Pollution: Order for Abatement**

Authorizes an air pollution control officer, if they find that any person is causing an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare, or the environment, by violating requirements related to the emission of air pollutants by stationary sources, to issue an interim order for abatement pending a hearing before the hearing board of the air district. Requires the air pollution control officer to notify the alleged violator and establishes procedure for a hearing.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1133

Dahle (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-276***California Endangered Species Act**

Provides that the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) prohibits the taking of an endangered or threatened species. Provides that a person who obtains a federal enhancement of survival permit requires no further authorization to take that species as identified in the enhancement of survival permit. Provide that it is the intent of the Legislature that the department should undertake appropriate public outreach before introducing species that is designated as an experimental population under FESA.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1180

Holden (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-617***Los Angeles County Flood Control District**

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to levy a tax or impose a fee or charge to pay the costs and expenses of carrying out projects and programs to increase stormwater capture and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution in the district. Specifies that projects funded by the revenues may include projects that increase water supply and improve water quality.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1222

Quirk (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-297***Vehicles: Electronic Wireless Communications Devices**

Removes a specialized mobile radio device and a two-way messaging device from the list of devices specifically included as an electronic wireless communications device.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman; Doug Hefley**

AB 1223

Caballero (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-585***Construction Contract Payments: Web Site Posting**

Requires a State agency to post, on its website, a project for which payment was made, within a specified number of days of making the payment. Requires the name of the construction contractor or company paid, the date the payment was made or the date the State agency transmitted instructions for payment, and certain other information. Exempts construction contracts valued below the specified amount and specified progress payments published in the California State Contracts Register, under existing law.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad**

AB 1309

Cooley (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-261***Employment Without Reinstatement**

Authorizes the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to assess an employer that fails to enroll a retired member employed without reinstatement within a certain number of days after the effective date of hire, or fails to report the pay rate and number of hours worked by the retired member within a certain number of days of the last day of the pay period in which the retired member worked, a specified sum fee per month.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1317

Gray (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-634***Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Program**

Revises the definition of covered source to include stationary irrigation or water conveyance engines for purposes of the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (A)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1328

Limon (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-758***Oil and Gas: Water Quality**

Provides that, if disposition of wastewater produced from an oil or gas field includes discharge to surface, the State Water Resources Control Board or a regional board may require certain information to be furnished relating to all chemicals in the discharged wastewater that could affect the quality of State waters. Provides for certain trade secret protections. Requires information collected to be available on the Internet Web site of the State board.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; John Daverin**

AB 1343

Chen (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-90***Go Low Flow Water Conservation Partnerships**

Authorizes the governing board of a school district to enter into a Go Low Flow Water Conservation Partnership with a public water system for purposes of reducing water use at schools, reducing stormwater and dry weather runoff at schools, reducing schoolsite water pollution, and establishing the basis for educational opportunities in water conservation. Authorizes a public water system to offer, as part of a partnership, a water rebate for a school that implements water-saving measures.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 1397

Low (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-375***Local Planning: Housing Element**

Requires the inventory of land to be available for residential development in addition to being suitable for residential development and to include vacant sites and sites that have realistic and demonstrated potential for redevelopment during the planning period to meet the locality's housing need for a designated income level. Requires parcels included in the inventory to have sufficient utilities supply available to support housing development.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1400

Friedman (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-476***Microgrid Projects: Diesel Backup Generators**

Prohibits recipients of moneys awarded under the Electric Program Investment Charge program and the Public Interest Research, Development, and Demonstration Program from expending those moneys for the purchase of diesel generators for projects related to the deployment of microgrids.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1414

Friedman (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-849***Solar Energy Systems: Permits**

Revises the definition of solar energy system to specify that a design feature additional includes any photovoltaic device or technology that is integrated into a building. Revises and reduces the maximum permit fees for photovoltaic and thermal energy systems. Authorizes permit fees that exceed certain charges under certain circumstances.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

AB 1438Env Safety and Toxic
Material Cmt*Chapter No. 2017-327***State Water Resource Control Board**

Amends the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Act. Updates obsolete references. Authorizes the State Board to require an owner of a laboratory under these provisions to provide certain information or records to the State board. Amends the California Safe Drinking Water Act. Authorizes the State Board to suspend or revoke a permit if the State Board determines that the permittee is in violation of the act.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1455

Bocanegra (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-560***The California Public Records Act: Exemptions**

Amends the California Public Records Acts which requires State and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection. Provides for exemption from disclosure specific records of local agencies related to activities governed by the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Steve O'Neill**

AB 1558

Garcia (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-452***Los Angeles River: River Ranger Program**

Requires specified conservancies to collaborate with the Department of Parks and Recreation, the California Conservation Corps, and the State Lands Commission to develop a river ranger program to provide a network of river rangers who assist the public at sites along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries. Require the conservancies to develop a plan for the design and implementation of the program.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1620

Dababneh (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-800***Political Reform Act: Postgovernment Employment**

Extends the time period for certain prohibitions for a member of the Legislature who resigns from office by providing that the period commences with the effective date of the resignation and concludes one year after adjournment sine die of the session in which the resignation occurred.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1671

Caballero (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-533***Backflow Protection and Cross-Connection Controls**

Requires a public water system to implement a cross-connection control program that complies with applicable regulations and standards. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt standards for backflow protection and cross-connection control. Authorizes the Board to do so through the adoption of a policy handbook.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jim Lee**

AB 1701

Thurmond (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-804***Labor Related Liabilities: Original Contractor**

Requires a direct contractor, as defined, making or taking a contract in the State, on or after a specified date, for work on a building, structure, or other work, to assume and be liable for, specified debt owed to a wage claimant that is incurred by any subcontractor, acting under, by, or for the direct contractor for the wage claimant's performance of labor included in the subject of the original contract. Authorizes certain civil actions.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel**

AB 1725Local Government
Cmt*Chapter No. 2017-353***Local Agency Formation**

Requires the local agency formation commission to notify State agencies of the receipt of an application for a proposed change of organization or reorganization. Authorizes a local agency formation commission to establish a schedule of fees and a schedule of service charges pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act. Refers to an application for a proposed change of organization or reorganization that includes the annexation of territory to any district.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

ACA 1

Mayes (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-105***Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund**

Creates the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund, in which all moneys collected by the State Air Resources Board as part of a market-based compliance mechanism.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 5
de León (D)
Chapter No. 2017-852

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate

Enacts the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018. Authorizes the issuance of bonds of a specified sum pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all programs. Reallocates a specified portion of the unissued bonds to finance the purposes of drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access, upon voter approval.

EMWD’s Position: Support **Priority: (B)**
Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jeff Wall; Jolene Walsh

SB 45
Mendoza (D)
Chapter No. 2017-827

Political Reform Act: Mass Mailing Prohibition

Prohibits a mass mailing from being sent within a specified number of days preceding an election by or on behalf of a candidate whose name will appear on the ballot, except as otherwise required by law.

EMWD’s Position: Watch **Priority: (C)**
Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

SB 50
Allen (D)
Chapter No. 2017-535

Federal Public Lands: Conveyances

Establishes a policy of the State to discourage conveyances of federal public lands in California from the federal government. Specifies that these conveyances are void ab initio unless the State lands commission was provided the right of first refusal or the right to arrange for the transfer of the federal public land to another entity. Requires the commission, the Wildlife Conservation Board, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to enter into a memorandum of understanding.

EMWD’s Position: Watch **Priority: (C)**
Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

SB 63
Jackson (D)
Chapter No. 2017-686

Unlawful Employment Practice: Parental Leave

Requires the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, upon receiving funding from the Legislature, to create a parental leave mediation pilot program. Provides that within a specified number of days of receipt of a right to sue notice, an employer may request all parties to participate in the department’s Mediation Division Program. Prohibits an employee from pursuing any civil action under these provisions until the mediation is complete, as defined.

EMWD’s Position: Watch **Priority: (C)**
Reviewed by: Denise Bowman

SB 205
Governance and Finance Cmt
Chapter No. 2017-387

Local Government Omnibus Act of 2017

Repeals the exclusion of a residential dwelling eligible for the property tax postponement program any residential dwelling subject to a PACE bond. Amends existing law to rename the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District Act as the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District Act and to rename the district as the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District.

EMWD’s Position: Watch **Priority: (C)**
Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

SB 206Governance and
Finance Cmt*Chapter No. 2017-57***Validations**

Enacts the First Validating Act of 2017, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the State and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 207Governance and
Finance Cmt*Chapter No. 2017-58***Validations**

Enacts the Second Validating Act of 2017, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the State and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 208Governance and
Finance Cmt*Chapter No. 2017-59***Validations**

Enacts the Third Validating Act of 2017, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the State and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 214

Atkins (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-306***San Diego River Conservancy**

Specifies that the powers of the San Diego River Conservancy include improving, developing, and preserving lands for the purpose of protecting the natural, cultural, and historical resources, and entering into a joint powers agreement.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 231

Hertzberg (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-536***Local Government: Fees and Charges**

Relates to a provision of the California Constitution that requires that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provision of written notice and the holding of a public hearing. Defines the term sewer for these purposes. Makes findings and declarations relating to the definition of the term sewer for these purposes.

EMWD's Position: Concerns**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 242

Skinner (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-484***Property Assessed Clean Energy Program - PACE**

Amends the PACE financing program. Requires a program administrator to make an oral confirmation, in a language preferred by the property owner, that at least one owner has reasonable understanding of the program. Requires a program administrator to record and to retain the recordation of the oral confirmation. Prohibits a contractor from charging a different price for a PACE project. Makes it unlawful to commence work under a home improvement contract if owner rescinds the PACE financing.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 252

Dodd (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-538***Water Wells**

Requires a city or county overlying a critically overdrafted basin to request estimates of certain information from an applicant for a new well located within a critically overdrafted basin as part of an application for a well permit. Requires this information to be made available to both the public and to groundwater sustainability agencies and easily accessible.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: John Daverin**

SB 285

Atkins (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-567***Public Employers: Union Organizing**

Prohibits a public employer from deterring or discouraging public employees from becoming or remaining members of an employee organization. Defines a public employer for this purpose to include counties, cities, districts, the State, schools, transit districts, the University of California, and the California State University, among others.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 338

Skinner (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-389***Integrated Resource Plan: Peak Demand**

Requires the Public Utilities Commission and the governing boards of local publicly owned electric utilities to consider, as a part of the integrated resource plan process, the role of energy technology and energy efficiency related tools to help ensure that each load serving entity or local publicly owned electric utility meets energy needs and reliability needs, while reducing the need for new electricity generation and transmission in achieving State energy goals at the least cost to ratepayers.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

SB 372

Cannella (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-357***San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater**

Creates the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency as the exclusive groundwater sustainability agency and successor agency. Establishes the initial boundaries of the agency and authorizes the agency's boundaries to be changed.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: John Daverin**

SB 373

Cannella (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-391***Public Contracts: Design-build: Regional Water**

Modifies the definitions to authorize the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority to use the design-building procurement process for its Regional Surface Water Supply Project.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 427

Leyva (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-238***Community Water Systems: Lead User Service Lines**

Requires a community water system to provide the timeline for replacement of known lead user service lines in use in its distribution system to the State Water Resources Board. Requires certain public water systems to provide related findings. Authorizes the application and enforcement of these provisions under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

SB 450

Hertzberg (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-625***Public Bodies: Bonds: Public Notice**

Requires the governing body of a public body to obtain and disclose specified information regarding the issuance of bonds in a meeting open to the public. Requires the information to be obtained as a good faith estimate from an underwriter, financial advisor, or private lender or from a third party borrower, as specified, if the public body issuing bonds is a conduit financing provider, as defined.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Charles Turner; Heidi Schrader**

SB 496

Cannella (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-8***Indemnity: Design Professionals**

Makes provisions related to liability for contractors applicable to all contracts for design professional services entered into after a specified date. Prohibits the cost to defend charged to the design professional from exceeding their proportionate percentage of fault. Requires the design professional to meet and confer with other parties regarding unpaid costs, in the event that one or more defendants is unable to pay its share of defense costs due to bankruptcy or dissolution of the business.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (A)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad**

SB 541

Allen (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-811***School Facilities: Water Capture Practices**

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with regional water quality control boards, and the Division of the State Architect to recommend best design practices for storm water and dry weather runoff capture practices that can generally be applied to all new, reconstructed, or altered public schools, including school grounds.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Jayne Joy**

SB 564

McGuire (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-430***Water Bill Savings Act**

Enacts the Water Bill Savings Act. Authorizes a joint powers authority to provide funding for a customer of a local agency in specified counties or its publicly owned utility to acquire, install, or repair a water efficiency improvement on the customer's property served by the local agency or its publicly owned utility. Requires the customer to repay the authority through an efficiency charge on the customer's water bill.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Danielle Coats**

SB 580

Pan (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-309***Water Development Projects: Sacramento-San Joaquin**

Revises authorization for flood control projects along the American and Sacramento Rivers.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 615

Hueso (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-859***Salton Sea Restoration**

Relates to the Salton Sea Restoration Act. Specifies that any barrier in the Salton Sea, within or below a certain elevation, would not be considered a dam. Provides that the construction of facilities to separate fresh water from highly saline water for the purposes of implementing restoration activities pursuant to the Act shall not be subject to review, approval, inspection, or fees associated with certain laws relating to dams and reservoirs. Renames it the John Benoit Salton Sea Restoration Plan.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jolene Walsh**

SB 618

Bradford (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-431***Load-Serving Entities: Resource Plan**

Requires that the integrated resource plan filed by load-serving entity contribute to a diverse and balanced portfolio of resources to ensure reliable electricity supply that provides optimal integration of renewable energy resources in a cost-effective manner, meets specified emissions reduction targets for greenhouse gases, and prevents cost shifting among load-serving entities.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

SB 634

Wilk (R)

*Chapter No. 2017-833***Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency**

Repeals the Castaic Lake Water Agency Law. Recognizes the Newhall County Water District and the Castaic Lake Water Agency into the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency which prohibits the Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Newhall County Water District from operating as separate entities or exercising independent functions.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 667

Atkins (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-543***Riverine and Riparian Stewardship**

Requires the Department of Water Resources to establish a program to implement watershed-based riverine and riparian stewardship improvements by providing technical and financial assistance in support of projects with certain benefits. Requires the program to support the purposes of and be coordinated with the Urban Stream Restoration Program, fish passage improvements, and other similar programs.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh**

SB 704

Galgiani (D)

*Chapter No. 2017-247***Division of Boating and Waterways**

Requires that the Division of Boating and Waterways collaborate with the California Conservation Corps and use members of the corps in implementing its invasive aquatic plants control programs.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

TWO-YEAR LEGISLATION

AB 4 Waldron (R)	Voter Notification Authorizes a county elections official to first send the recipient of a voter notification or voter preregistration notification a text message or email indicating that his or her information has been received and that a subsequent notification will follow. EMWD's Position: Neutral Reviewed by: Danielle Coats	Priority: (D)
AB 12 Cooley (D)	State Government: Administrative Regulations: Review Requires each state agency to review that agency's regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, to revise those regulations, and to report to the Legislature and Governor. EMWD's Position: Support Reviewed by: Danielle Coats	Priority: (B)
AB 14 Gomez (D)	Political Reform Act: Campaign Disclosures Repeals provisions of the Political Reform Act which require a committee that supports or opposes ballot measures to name and identify itself using a name or phrase that clearly identifies the economic or other special interests of its major donors, and to disclose the identity of a common employer shared by major donors. Amends the definition of expenditures for the Act. Repeals and recasts provisions of the Act relating to advertisement disclosure statements. Prohibits certain campaign contributions. EMWD's Position: Watch Reviewed by: Danielle Coats	Priority: (C)
AB 18 Garcia E (D)	Clean Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection Act Enacts the California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act, which would authorize the issuance of bonds to finance a clean water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all program. Provides for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the statewide direct primary election. EMWD's Position: Support Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jolene Walsh	Priority: (B)
AB 22 Bonta (D)	Secretary Of State: Storing and Recording Media Approves and adopt uniform statewide standards for the purpose of storing and recording permanent and nonpermanent documents in electronic media. Requires those standards to include a requirement that a trusted system. EMWD's Position: Watch Reviewed by: Michelle Herrington	Priority: (C)

AB 44**Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment**

Reyes (D)

Requires employers to provide immediate support from a nurse case manager to employees injured in the course of employment by an act of domestic terrorism. Requires employer appointed nurse case managers to assist claimants to obtain medically necessary treatments. Requires an employer to provide a prescribed notice to claimants. Makes provisions applicable only if the Governor declares a state of emergency in connection with the act of domestic terrorism.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Doug Hefley**

AB 46**Employers: Wage Discrimination**

Cooper (D)

Amends an existing law which authorizes an employee paid lesser wages in violation of certain prohibitions to file a complaint and to commence a civil action for the wages. Defines employer to include public and private employers. Exempts a public employer from the misdemeanor provision.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 48**Local Government Finance: Property Tax Revenue**

Ting (D)

Modifies existing reduction and transfer provisions related to property tax revenue allocation for a city incorporating between specified dates. Provides a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. Appropriates a specified sum to the State Board of Equalization for administrative costs.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Charles Turner; Heidi Schrader**

AB 52**Public Employee: Orientation And Informational Programs**

Cooper (D)

Requires the public employers regulated by specified acts to provide all employees an orientation and to permit an exclusive representative to participate.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 55**Hazardous Materials Management: Stationary Sources**

Thurmond (D)

Requires a worker to have completed at least a certain number of hours of an approved advanced safety training to qualify as a skilled journeyman for the purposes of being contracted to perform work at a stationary source. Provides that the redacted copy of a contract for work at a stationary source is a public record and specifies that the unredacted copy is not a public record.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman; Jayne Joy**

AB 56

Holden (D)

Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: Housing

Revises the definition of the term public development facilities for purposes of the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act to mean real and personal property and structures, excluding any housing, that are directly related to providing housing-related infrastructure, which includes streets, drainage, water supply, utilities facilities, public transit improvement, sewage collection, and water treatment.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Charles Turner**

AB 73

Chiu (D)

Planning and Zoning: Housing Sustainability Districts

Authorizes a city, county, or city and county to establish a housing sustainability district and to apply for approval for a zoning incentive payment. Provides for permits for residential development, design review standards, and certain application fees. Requires that prevailing wages be paid in connection with all projects within the district. Requires a lead agency, when designating districts, to prepare an environmental impact report for the designation.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 77

Fong (R)

Regulations: Effective Dates and Legislative Review

Requires the Office of Administrative Law to submit to each house of the Legislature for review a copy of each major regulation that it submits to the Secretary of State. Adds another exception to those currently provided that specifies that a regulation does not become effective if the Legislature enacts a statute to override the regulation.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jayne Joy**

AB 92

Bonta (D)

Public Contracts: Payment

Extends the operation of existing law which authorizes the retention proceeds withheld from any payment by an awarding entity from the original contractor, by the original contractor from any subcontractor, and by a subcontractor from any subcontractor to exceed a certain amount on specific projects where the director of the applicable department has made a specified finding.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Joe Mouawad**

AB 100

Budget Cmt

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Transfers funds to supplement the state's employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement Fund. Requires reporting of the actuarial impact on contribution rates for each state employee member category receiving a supplemental payment. Provides that interest earnings from demand accounts are subject to certain provisions.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 125

Budget Cmt

Clean Energy Job Creation Program and Citizen Oversight

Amends the California Clean Energy Jobs Act which provides for the transfer of the specified sum annually from the General Fund to the Clean Energy Job Creation Fund for 5 fiscal years. Relates to improving energy efficiency at local educational agencies. Establishes the Clean Energy Creation Program with the purpose of funding specified projects in public schools and community colleges that create jobs in California improving energy efficiency. Expands clean energy generation.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 151

Burke (D)

California Global Warming Solutions Act

Amends the Global Warming Solutions Act. Requires the Air Resources Board to prepare and approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and to update the scoping plan. Requires the State Board to report to the Legislature on the need for increased education, career technical education, job training, and workforce development in ensuring that statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced by a specified level.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jayne Joy**

AB 161

Levine (D)

Department of Finance: Infrastructure Investment

Authorizes the Department of Finance to identify infrastructure projects in the state for which the department will guarantee a rate of return on investment for an investment made in that infrastructure project by the Public Employees' Retirement System.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Charles Turner**

AB 168

Eggman (D)

Employers: Salary Information

Prohibits an employer from relying on the salary history information of an applicant for employment as a factor in determining whether to offer an applicant employment or what salary to offer an applicant. Provides that an applicant is not prohibited from voluntarily disclosing salary history information and would not prohibit an employer from considering or relying on that voluntarily disclosed salary history information in determining salary.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 176

Salas (D)

Water Project: Friant-Kern Canal

Appropriates a specified sum from the General Fund for the Reverse Flow Pump-back Facilities on the Friant-Kern Canal Restoration Project. Makes legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Friant-Kern Canal.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

<p>AB 184 Berman (D)</p>	<p>Sea Level Rise Planning: Database</p> <p>Postpones the repeal date of existing law which requires the Natural Resources Agency to create and post on an Internet Web site a Planning for Sea Level Rise Database for purposes of planning for sea level rise.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 187 Gloria (D)</p>	<p>Political Reform Act of 1974: Local Ballot Measure</p> <p>Amends the Political Reform Act to require a committee to file a report each time it makes contributions or independent expenditures aggregating a specified amount or more to support or oppose qualifications of a local initiative or referendum ballot measure.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 190 Steinorth (R)</p>	<p>Local Government: Development Permits: Design Review</p> <p>Relates to the Permit Streamlining Act within the Planning and Zoning law and the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires a lead agency, where an ordinance requiring the design review applies to a development project, to approve or disapprove the design of the development project within a certain number of days of the application being determined to be complete or the date of the certification of the environmental impact report, adoption of a negative declaration or determination of exemption.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 196 Bigelow (R)</p>	<p>Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Water Supply</p> <p>Amends the Global Warming Solutions Act, which creates the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and authorizes specified investments, including water use and supply. Authorizes the use of the moneys in the fund for electric pump efficiency, water and wastewater systems, pump and pump motor efficiency improvements, and drinking water transmission and distribution systems' water loss if the investment furthers the regulatory purposes of the act and is consistent with law.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: (B)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 199 Chu (D)</p>	<p>Public Works: Private Residential Projects</p> <p>Relates to an exemption from specified requirements relating to projects defined as public works for private residential projects on private property. Makes this exemption inapplicable to a project built pursuant to an agreement with a successor agency to a redevelopment agency.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: (B)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted</p>

AB 200 Eggman (D)	Reclamation District No. 1614: Pump Station No. 7 Appropriates a specified sum from the General Fund to the Department of Water Resources for the purpose of constructing a new pump station to replace Pump Station No. 7 of Reclamation District No. 1614 Smith Tract.
	EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: (D)
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 202 Steinorth (R)	Planning and Zoning: Permits Requires all grading, foundation, building, and use permits required by a municipality for a development project that creates, or results in an increase of, a certain number of residential dwelling units or guest rooms to be approved or denied by a director of the lead planning agency. Provides for authorizations and requirements for a director of the lead planning agency for development projects.
	EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: (D)
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 206 Gonzalez (D)	Workers Compensation: Employees Relates to the worker's compensation system. Specifies that the definition of employee applies without regard to immigration status. Removes an exclusion for an employee who was employed, or was contracted to be employed, for less than a specified amount of hours.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)
	Reviewed by: Doug Hefley
AB 219 McCarty (D)	Property Taxes: Revenue Allocations Amends the property tax law which requires the county auditor to allocate and pay certain property tax revenues to designated local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas. Requires those allocations and payments to be made on a timely basis no later than a certain number of days after the close of the preceding monthly or 4-weekly accounting period.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 221 Gray (D)	Workers' Compensation: Liability for Payment Relates to the workers' compensation system. Provides that for certain claims of occupational disease or cumulative injury, an employee and employer would have no liability for payment for medical treatment unless one or more of certain conditions are satisfied, including that the treatment was authorized by the employer.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)
	Reviewed by: Doug Hefley

AB 239**California Environmental Quality Act: Urbanized Areas**

Ridley-Thomas S (D) Relates to the California Environmental Quality Act and urbanized areas. Defines the terms urban area and urbanized area to mean that the population density of the unincorporated area be at least 1,000 persons per square mile.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 241**Personal Information: Privacy: State and Local Breach**

Dababneh (D) Relates to state and local breaches of privacy. Requires a state or local agency, if it was the source of a computer breach of information, to provide appropriate identity theft prevention and mitigation services at no cost to a person whose personal information, including social security number, driver license or identification card number.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh; Mike Malone**

AB 246**Environmental Quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement**

Santiago (D) Amends the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act which authorizes the Governor to certify projects that are certified as LEED silver or better, achieve a certain standard for transportation efficiency, and creates high wage, highly skilled jobs. Increases the certification of the project to LEED gold or better. Increases the transportation efficiency standard. Requires compliance with commercial and organic waste recycling. Requires judicial review.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Danielle Coats**

AB 262**Public Contracts: Bid Specifications**

Bonta (D) Relates to contracting buy certain public entities. Creates the Buy Clean California Act, which would require the Department of General Services to establish, and publish in the State Contracting Manual, a maximum acceptable global warming potential for each category of eligible materials. Requires an awarding authority to require a successful bidder to submit a current Environmental Product Declaration, developed in accordance with specified standards, for certain products.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel; Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad**

AB 267**Community Services Districts**

Waldron (R) Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which provides for the organization and powers of community services districts.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Charles Turner; Heidi Schrader**

AB 271

Caballero (D)

Property Assessed Clean Energy Program

Authorizes the county tax collector to direct the county's auditor to remove a delinquent installment based on a Property Assessed Clean Energy assessment from the county's secured tax roll, if it arises from a contract entered into after a specified date. Requires specified costs to be deposited in a county fund to be used for offsetting general fund property tax revenues of local taxing agencies that are lost when a property subject to a PACE assessment is sold at a tax defaulted land sale.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 272

Gipson (D)

Southeast Los Angeles County Drinking Water Relief Act

Authorizes certain financial assistance awards to certain urban water suppliers to be conditioned on the participation of a public water agency that has sufficient technical, managerial, and financial capacity to complete and operate a project. Authorizes the provision of financial assistance to a public water agency for such purposes.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 277

Mathis (R)

Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program

Authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to establish the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program to provide funding to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. Authorizes a county or qualified nonprofit organization to apply to the board for a grant to award loans or grants, or both, to an eligible applicant. Authorizes the board to use a specified funding source.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright**

AB 289

Gray (D)

Office of Emergency Service: Emergency Plan: Update

Requires the Office of Emergency Services to update the State Emergency Plan on or before 1/1/2019, and every 5 years thereafter.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Doug Hefley**

AB 302

Gipson (D)

South Coast Air Quality Management District: Fleets

Authorizes the governing board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District to adopt rules and regulations that require specified operators of public and commercial fleet vehicles to purchase zero-emission and near-zero-emission vehicles and that require those zero-emission and near-zero-emission vehicles to be operated in the South Coast District.

EMWD's Position: Concerns**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jayne Joy**

AB 305

Arambula (D)

School Accountability Report Card: Drinking Water

Amends the Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act to require a specified school accountability report card to include an assessment of the drinking water access points at each school site. Requires the State Department of Education to compile the assessments and transmit them to the State Water Resources Control Board.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 321

Mathis (R)

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies

Includes farmers, ranchers, and dairy professionals in the agricultural users whose interests a groundwater sustainability agency is required to consider for sustainability plans.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: John Daverin; Kelley Gage**

AB 339

Mathis (R)

State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account

Limits payments from the Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account to grants. Authorizes the Water Resources Control Board, upon application by a public agency, a not-for-profit organization, or community water system, to make funds available from the account for a loan to assist in cleaning up waste, abating the effects of a waste, or addressing an urgent drinking water need. Requires specified revenues to be deposited into the Account.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Kelley Gage**

AB 355

Chu (D)

Water Resources Control Board: Public Water Systems

Defines a publicly owned treatment works serving a small community, for the purposes of an exception to a penalty for certain violations, as a publicly owned treatment works serving a population below a certain number or a rural county, with a financial hardship. Requires the state Water Resources Control Board to continuously report and update information on its Internet Web site. Allows the State Board to impose certain civil liability pursuant to administrative liability provisions.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 358

Grayson (D)

Regional Economic Development Areas

Creates the Regional Economic Development Area Act. Authorizes a city, county, or city and county to designate an area that includes an active or inactive military base and a certain area surrounding the base as a regional economic development area. Provides that a designated area would receive priority for any grant from a state agency for projects within that designated area.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 367

Obernolte (R)

Water Supply: Building Permits

Exempts from the prohibition on the issuance of a building permit any residence that will be rebuilt because of a fire, where those residences fall under a source of water supply that is water transported by a water hauler, bottled water, a water-vending machine, or a retail water facility.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Danielle Coats**

AB 373

Melendez (R)

Worker's Compensation

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which prohibits any person, firm, or corporation, other than an insurer admitted to transact workers' compensation insurance, from contracting to administer claims of self-insured employers as third-party administrators.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Doug Hefley**

AB 378

Garcia (D)

Greenhouse Gases and Criteria Air Pollutants

Requires the State Air Resources Board when adopting rules and regulations to achieve certain greenhouse gas emissions reductions to follow specified requirements and prioritize specified emission reduction rules and regulations. Requires the Board to adopt air pollutant emissions standards for emissions of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants at industrial facilities.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 388

Mullin (D)

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Wetland Restoration

Authorizes the use of the moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for wetland restoration projects that may make use of dredged material if the investment furthers the regulatory purposes of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and is consistent with law.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright**

AB 398

Garcia E (D)

Emissions: Compliance Mechanisms: Tax Exemptions

Requires the State Air Resources Board to approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Requires the plan to include specified market-based compliance mechanisms. Establishes the Independent Emissions Market Advisory Committee. Suspends a fire prevention fee. Exempts qualified tangible personal property purchased for use in the generation of certain electric power from gross receipts tax.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 408 Chen (R)	Eminent Domain: Final Offer of Compensation Provides that if a court finds, that the offer of the plaintiff was a certain percentage of the compensation awarded in the eminent domain proceeding, then the court would be required to include the defendant’s litigation costs in the costs allowed. EMWD’s Position: Oppose Priority: (A) Reviewed by: Steve O’Neill
AB 419 Salas (D)	Greenhouse Gases: Life Cycle Emissions Profiles Designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. Authorizes the State Board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Amends existing law which requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the State Board to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Appropriates a specified sum for the purpose of funding a study by one or more campuses of the University of California. EMWD’s Position: Support Priority: (B) Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 428 Ridley-Thomas S (D)	Local Government: the Ralph M. Brown Act Extends indefinitely, the operation of provisions relating to the establishment of a quorum for teleconferenced meetings of a health authority, under the Ralph M. Brown Act. EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 429 Grayson (D)	State Water Policy: Water Rights: Use/Transferability Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law concerning water policy, water use, rights and transferability of those rights. EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 444 Ting (D)	Medical Waste: Home-Generated Medical Waste Authorizes the California Environmental Protection Agency to develop a statewide program for the collection, transportation, and disposal of home-generated medical waste. EMWD’s Position: Support Priority: (B) Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Danielle Coats; Jolene Walsh
AB 448 Daly (D)	Local Governments: Parcel Taxes: Notice Requires a local agency to provide notice of a new parcel tax to any owner of record of a parcel affected by the tax, if that owner of record does not reside within the jurisdictional boundaries of the taxing entity. Require a city, county, or city and county in which a school district or special district is located, to prepare and mail the notice on behalf of the district. Requires the district to reimburse the city, county, or city and county for the cost of preparing and mailing the notices. EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Charles Turner; Heidi Schrader

AB 457

Cunningham (R)

Saline Water Conversion: Diablo Canyon

Requires the Public Utilities Commission, as part of its regulatory actions related to the proposed decommissioning of the Diablo Canyon nuclear powerplant and consistent with the goal to mitigate negative impacts to ratepayers, to cause a study to be conducted on the feasibility of repurposing the water desalination facility at the powerplant for purposes of desalinating water for local use. Requires the commission to contract with a 3rd party to carry out the study.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 464

Gallagher (R)

Local Government Reorganization

Relates to local government reorganization and a requirement that an applicant seeking a change of organization or reorganization submit a plan for providing services with the affected territory. Specifies that the plan is required to include specific information regarding services currently provided to the affected territory. Requires a resolution to be based upon certain findings, including certain findings concerning the receipt of electrical service.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 466

Bocanegra (D)

Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group

Establishes within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy the Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries Working Group. Establishes duties and membership of the working group. Establishes regulation relating to a revitalization plan.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 474

Garcia E (D)

Hazardous Waste: Spent Brine Solutions

Exempts spent brine solutions that are byproducts of the treatment of groundwater to meet California drinking water standards from Hazardous Waste Control Law requirements if certain conditions are met. Requests surface impoundments used for the treatment of spent brine solutions to maintain financial assurances consistent with requirements of the Hazardous Waste Control Law.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; John Daverin; Kelley Gage**

AB 476

Gipson (D)

Vehicular Air Pollution: Heavy-Duty Vehicles

Amends an existing law which imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources to define heavy-duty vehicle, light-duty vehicle, and medium duty vehicle. Defines a heavy-duty vehicle as having a manufacturer's maximum gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

<p>AB 487 Mathis (R)</p>	<p>Sustainable Groundwater Management Act States the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory changes relating to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.</p>
<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>	
<p>AB 492 Grayson (D)</p>	<p>Advertising and Solicitations: Government Documents Permits a nongovernmental entity to solicit a fee for providing a copy of a public record if that solicitation meets specified requirements. Authorizes an action against a person who violates this provision and provides for civil penalties.</p>
<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>	
<p>AB 509 Frazier (D)</p>	<p>Tire Recycling: Tire Regulatory Fee Program Requires a waste tire generator that is a retail seller of new tires to pay a tire regulatory fee. Requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, prior to establishing the fee, to hold a public hearing. Repeals the Rubberized Pavement Market Development Act and instead enacts the Tire Recycling Incentive Program Act. Requires the department to establish an incentive program to make payments to entities that purchase waste tire material for incorporation in a product for sale to end users.</p>
<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>	
<p>AB 546 Chiu (D)</p>	<p>Land Use: Local Ordinances: Energy Systems Relates to the Planning and Zoning Law. Requires certain cities and counties to make all documentation and forms associated with the permitting of advanced energy storage available on a publicly accessible Web site. Provides for the electronic submittal of permit applications. Authorizes the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to provide guidance on energy storage permitting, including streamlining, best practices, and certain factors for consideration by local government.</p>
<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad</p>	
<p>AB 551 Levine (D)</p>	<p>Political Reform Act of 1974: Postemployment Amends the Political Reform Act, which prohibits certain elected officials from acting as agents or attorneys for certain persons, and which excludes from that prohibition certain appearances and communications. Specifies that the one-year prohibition applies to independent contractors of a local government agency or a public agency who are appearing or communicating on behalf of that agency.</p>
<p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Steve O'Neill</p>	

AB 552 Irwin (D)	<p>United Water Conservation District</p> <p>Authorizes the United Water Conservation District to inspect facilities within its boundaries. Authorizes the to affix certain seals to an abandoned water-producing facility. Authorizes the District to assess an administrative charge to recover the cost of collection of delinquent unpaid charges. Authorizes the district to collect any delinquent groundwater charge and any interest, penalties, costs, and administrative charges in the same manner as delinquent assessments, water charges, or tolls.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
AB 553 Daly (D)	<p>Workers' Compensation: Return-to-Work Program</p> <p>Relates to the return-to-work program and funding for the program. Requires the Administrative Director of the Division of the Workers' Compensation to have the program distribute a specified sum annually to eligible workers. Requires that any remaining program funds available after the payments are made be distributed pro rata to eligible workers. Prohibits a person, including an attorney, from collecting a fee or commission for providing assistance to a worker to apply for benefits.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley</p>
AB 554 Cunningham (R)	<p>Desalination: Statewide Goal</p> <p>Relates to desalination projects and opportunities for state assistance and funding. Establishes a goal to desalinate a specified acre-feet of drinking water per year.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: (A)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jayne Joy</p>
AB 560 Salas (D)	<p>Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: Financing</p> <p>Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to provide grant funding, and principal forgiveness, and financing loans at zero percent from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to a project for a water system within a service area that qualifies as a severely disadvantaged community, if the water system demonstrates that repaying said loan would result in unaffordable water rates.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: (B)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright</p>
AB 567 Quirk-Silva (D)	<p>School Facilities: Drinking Water Fountains</p> <p>Requires a school district to ensure that every drinking water fountain at each school under its jurisdiction is equipped with both a water fountain and a spigot, or a combination water fountain and spigot, for filling water bottles.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Support Priority: (B)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh; Melanie Nieman</p>

AB 574

Quirk (D)

Potable Reuse

Specifies that direct potable reuse includes raw water augmentation and treated drinking water augmentation. Changes surface water augmentation to reservoir water augmentation. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for direct potable reuse through raw water augmentation. Requires the Board to establish an expert review panel. Authorizes the Board to reconvene or reestablish such panel after adopting the initial uniform water recycling criteria.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (A)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jayne Joy; Kelley Gage**

AB 577

Caballero (D)

Disadvantaged Communities

Amends existing law which defines a disadvantaged community as a community with an annual median household income that is less than a certain percentage of the statewide annual median household income for various purposes, that include, but are not limited to, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Expands the definition of disadvantaged community.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 581

McCarty (D)

Apprenticeships on Public Works Projects

Requires an apprenticeship program, to be eligible to receive grant funds from the Apprenticeship Council, to agree to keep adequate records that document the expenditure of those funds and make all records available to the Department of Industrial Relations for specified purposes of the department. Requires verification that grants made by the council are used solely for training apprentices.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 588

Dababneh (D)

Contractual Assessments: Financing Improvements

Amends an existing law concerning contractual assessments with a property owner to finance certain improvements. Require a specified document to provide that if the property owner sends or delivers a written notice to cancel in some way other than mail, fax, or email, it must be delivered to a specified address no later than midnight on the 3rd business day after whichever of specified events occurs last.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Danielle Coats**

AB 589

Bigelow (R)

Water Diversion: Monitoring: University of California

Relates to any water diverter, who has completed an instructional course regarding the devices or measurement method administered by the UC Cooperative Extension, to be considered a qualified individual when installing and maintaining devices or implementing methods of measurement for the diverter's diversion. Requires a diverter to recomplete the course at a specified period. Requires the UC Cooperative Extension and the board to develop the curriculum of the course and the proficiency test.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: John Daverin; Brian Powell**

AB 594

Irwin (D)

Water Supply Planning: Photovoltaic Energy Facility

Amends existing law which requires a city or county that determines that a project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act to identify any public water system that may supply water for the project and to request those public water systems to prepare a specified water supply assessment.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 599

Waldron (R)

Legislative Modernization Working Group

Expresses the intent of the Legislature to establish the Legislative Modernization Working Group, which would be comprised of experts within the technology industry and Members of the Legislature. Provides the working group would make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the modernization of legislative processes and operations.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 617

Garcia (D)

Nonvehicular Air Pollution: Criteria Air Pollutants

Requires the State Air Resources Board to develop a uniform system for reporting of emissions of criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants for use by certain categories of stationary sources. Requires the Board to prepare a plan regarding technologies for monitoring criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants. Requires the Board to prepare a strategy to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants in certain communities.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Dan Howell**

AB 619

Dahle (R)

Sierra Lakes County Water District

Authorizes the Sierra Lakes County Water District to adopt by ordinance specified requirements relating to the installation and use of tanks used for the storage of petroleum. Provides that the violation of the specified ordinances shall be an infraction and constitute a nuisance. Authorizes a violation of the ordinance to be redressed by a civil action brought by the district, and each day of the violation would constitute a separate offense.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 640

Harper (R)

Recycled Water: Recycling Criteria

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act which requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish uniform statewide recycling criteria for each varying type of use of recycled water if the use involves the protection of public health.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 641

Harper (R)

Water Conservation and Reclamation Projects

Makes nonsubstantive changes to the Water Conservation Project Act of 1985, which declares that the intent of the act is to encourage local agencies and private enterprise to implement potential water conservation and reclamation projects by establishing a state program to finance or assist in financing projects that meet state criteria and will result in an additional supply of water for use in areas of need.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 642

Harper (R)

Desalinated Water

Amends the Cobey-Porter Saline Water Conversion Law which declares that the growing water needs of the state require the development of cost-effective and efficient water supply technologies to help provide significant new water supplies from seawater, brackish water, and reclaimed water. Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation relating to desalination.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 645

Quirk (D)

Local Government: Organization: Dissolution

Amends the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 which provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 650

Dahle (R)

Director of Technology: State Security Control

Requires the Director of Technology to develop, tailor, and subsequently review and revise baseline security controls for the state based on emerging industry standards and baseline security controls published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Requires that the director's annual performance report also assess and measure the state's progress toward developing, tailoring, and complying with the state baseline security controls.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Mike Malone**

<p>AB 685 Fong (R)</p>	<p>Water: Dams and Reservoirs</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which provides that all dams and reservoirs in the state are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Water Resources.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 707 Aguiar-Curry (D)</p>	<p>Clear Lake</p> <p>Establishes the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake to consist of specified persons, including a person appointed by the Governor from the Natural Resources Agency, to meet quarterly for the purposes of discussion, reviewing research, planning, and providing oversight regarding the health of Clear Lake. Requires the committee to hold meetings in the County of Lake. Requires the committee to provide an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Neutral Priority: (D)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 708 Quirk-Silva (D)</p>	<p>Occupational Safety and Health: Accidents: Notification</p> <p>Revises the immediate notification requirement under the state Occupational Safety and Health Act to apply to accidents in which death or loss of limb occurs. Requires a responding agency called to an accident in which a serious injury or illness, other than death or loss of limb, occurs, to notify the nearest office of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health by telephone or electronic means within a specified time period.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley</p>
<p>AB 719 Fong (R)</p>	<p>Underground Storage Tanks: Expedited Claim Pilot</p> <p>Relates to underground storage tanks. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish the Expedited Claim Pilot Project to investigate and implement methods to improve claim processing procedures to reduce the overall cost for site cleanup and time to reach closure. Establishes the Expedited Claim Account for the implementation of the pilot program.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: John Daverin</p>
<p>AB 723 Arambula (D)</p>	<p>Agricultural Water Suppliers: Water Management</p> <p>Makes a nonsubstantive change to the existing law which requires an agricultural water supplier to implement efficient water management practices.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>

AB 726**Energy**

Holden (D)

Repeals the existing law governing the transformation of the Independent System Operator into a regional organization and replace it with provisions authorizing the transformation of the Independent System Operator into a regional organization if the governing board undertakes certain steps and the Commission on Regional Grid Transformation, which the bill would create, makes specified findings by a specified date.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

AB 732**Levee Maintenance**

Frazier (D)

Extends indefinitely the operation of the authorization to advance funds to reimburse local agencies under a program for the maintenance or improvement of project or nonproject levees. Postpones the operation of certain related provisions.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jolene Walsh**

AB 733**Infrastructure Financing Districts: Climate Change**

Berman (D)

Authorizes the financing of projects that enable communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change, including, but not limited to, specified impacts described in the bill. Makes conforming changes to the Legislature's findings and declarations.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 744**Legislative Counsel: Legislative Information**

Cunningham (R)

Requires the Legislative Counsel to include in the text of each bill introduced or amended after a specified date, the date and time that each bill is published and the date and time that is 72 hours after publication.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 746**Public Health: Potable Water Systems: Lead Testing**

Gonzalez (D)

Requires a community water system, that serves a school site of a local educational agency with a building constructed before a given date, to test for lead in the potable water system of the school site. Requires the community water system to report its findings to the school site. Requires the local educational agency, if the lead level exceed a specified level, to notify the parents and guardians of the pupils who attend the school site or preschool. Requires immediate safety actions by school personnel.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 791 **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Conveyance Facility**
Frazier (D) Relates to the State Water Project and federal Central Valley Project. Require, before a water contractor enters into a contract to pay for these costs, that the lead agency provide the breakdown of costs for each water contractor entering into a contract and what benefits each contractor will receive based on the proportion it has financed of the proposed conveyance project.

EMWD's Position: Oppose **Priority: (A)**
Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jolene Walsh

AB 792 **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Plan: Certification**
Frazier (D) Prohibits the Delta Stewardship Council from granting a certification of consistency with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Plan until the State Water Resources Control Board has completed its update of a specified water quality control plan.

EMWD's Position: Oppose **Priority: (A)**
Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jolene Walsh

AB 793 **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Financing**
Frazier (D) States that the maintenance and repair of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta are eligible for the same forms of financing as other water collection and treatment infrastructure and would specify the maintenance and repair activities that are eligible are limited to certain cleanup and abatement-related restoration and conservation activities.

EMWD's Position: Oppose **Priority: (A)**
Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jolene Walsh

AB 803 **Energy: Low-Income Energy Efficiency Programs**
Quirk (D) Amends the interval of time in which the Public Utilities Commission is required to conduct a new assessment of low-income program implementation and the effectiveness of weatherization services and energy efficiency measures in low-income households. Requires the assessment to consider whether available technologies, in combination with existing programs, adequately address low-income electricity and gas customers. relates to requirements for low-income programs.

EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: (C)**
Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 804 **Controller: Internal Control Guidelines**
Garcia (D) Authorizes the Controller to audit any local agency for purposes of determining whether the agency's internal controls are adequate to detect and prevent financial errors and fraud.

EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: (C)**
Reviewed by: Charles Turner; Debby Cherney

AB 816

Kiley (R)

California Environmental Protection Agency

Requires that each department, board, and commission of the Natural Resources Agency, and each department, board, and office of the Environmental Protection Agency Web cast all onsite public meetings, in a manner that enables listeners and viewers to ask questions and provide public comment by telephone or electronic communication commensurate with those attending the meeting. Requires the agencies to make a recording of a Web cast available online for a specified time period.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 828

Obernolte (R)

Civil Actions: Fee Recovery

Relates to civil actions. Authorizes a prevailing party to recover fees for the costs associated with the electronic presentation of exhibits, including costs of rental equipment and electronic formatting.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 833

Allen T (R)

Public Employees' Retirement

Makes a nonsubstantive change to existing law which establishes various limits on retirement benefits generally applicable to a public employee retirement system.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 851

Caballero (D)

Local Agency Contracts

Authorizes the Santa Clara Valley Water District to use the design build procurement process when contracting for the construction of a building, or buildings, and any directly related improvements. Authorizes the utilization of the design build procurement process by the Santa Clara Valley Water District for the purposes of flood protection improvements, habitat restorations or enhancements, and enhancement of surface water facilities.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: Jeff Wall; Joe Mouawad**

AB 852

Caballero (D)

Hazardous Waste: Nonbiodegradable Toxic Chemicals

Prohibits the use of a nonbiodegradable toxic chemical in a chemical toilet, recreational vehicle, or waste facility of a vessel. Prohibits the sale of a nonbiodegradable toxic chemical in a container that indicates that the chemical could be used in a chemical toilet, a waste facility of a recreational vehicle, or a waste facility of a vessel. Provides for additional prohibited toxic chemicals. Prohibits the state from requiring an RV park or campground to mitigate the presence of the chemicals.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

<p>AB 869 Rubio (D)</p>	<p>Sustainable Water Use: Recycled Water</p> <p>Requires long-term standards for urban water conservation and water use to include a credit for recycled water. Prohibits an urban retailer water supplier from being required to reduce the amount of recycled water it produces, sells, or distributes for beneficial potable or nonpotable uses during a period when water conservation measures are in effect.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted</p>
<p>AB 874 Lackey (R)</p>	<p>Identity Theft</p> <p>States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to identity theft.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Mike Malone</p>
<p>AB 884 Levine (D)</p>	<p>Dams and Reservoirs: Inspections</p> <p>Requires the Department of Water Resources to make annual physical inspections of dams and reservoirs at state expense for the purpose of determining their safety.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 885 Rubio (D)</p>	<p>Pupil Health: Drinking Water: Lead</p> <p>Requires a community water system to test for the presence of lead at water outlets used for drinking or cooking at each school, defined to include a public elementary school, a public secondary school, a public preschool located on public school property, and a public day care facility located on public school property, constructed before the specified date, within the boundaries of the community water system. relates to purchase and install certified water filters at all school faucets and fountains.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>AB 892 Waldron (R)</p>	<p>Municipal Water Districts: Water Service: Indian Tribes</p> <p>Authorizes, rather than requires, a water district to provide service of water upon the request of certain Indian tribes and the satisfaction of certain conditions. Applies this authorization to all Indian tribes whose lands are owned by the tribe.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Oppose Priority: (B)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jolene Walsh</p>
<p>AB 907 Garcia E (D)</p>	<p>Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands</p> <p>Establishes the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement in the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development for specified purposes, including promoting active healthy lifestyles and improving the quality of life for all Californians, and would require the director of the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development to administer the Office.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>

AB 914

Mullin (D)

Transmission Planning: Energy Storage and Demand

Requires the Public Utilities Commission, in its oversight of large electrical corporations and its participation in the Independent System Operator's transmission planning process, to promote the consideration of the use of nonwire alternatives, as defined, as means to address the state's transmission needs before the use of transmission wires. Requires the commission to ensure that facility owners take certain actions in the transmission planning process.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

AB 920

Aguiar-Curry (D)

Electricity: Procurement Plans: Integrated Resource

Amends existing law related to the Public Utilities Commission's regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Specifies that a diverse and balanced portfolio of resources includes an appropriate mix of renewable capacity, including peaking, dispatchable, baseload, firm, and as-available capacity. requires the commission to assess the need for, and benefits of, existing and future renewable baseload generation. Makes certain determinations related to procurement.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

AB 946

Ting (D)

State Public Retirement Systems: Divestiture

Prohibits the boards of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System from making new investments or renewing existing investments in a border wall construction company. Requires the boards of state public retirement systems to file reports containing specified information, including a list of companies of which they have liquidated their investments.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 947

Gallagher (R)

Fish and Wildlife: Streambed Alteration Agreements

Relates to streambed alteration agreements of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Defines river and stream for purposes of provisions requiring certain notification.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Jolene Walsh**

AB 968

Rubio (D)

Retail Water Use: Water Efficiency

Requires the Urban Stakeholder Committee to submit a report to the Legislature recommending for potential adjustments to water efficiency targets and commercial, industrial, and institutional performance measures. Requires the Department of Water Resources to recommend appropriate water efficiency measures for various segments of the commercial, industrial, and institutional water use sector. requires each urban retail water supplier to develop a water efficiency target. Revises definitions.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (A)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 975

Friedman (D)

Natural Resources: Wild and Scenic Rivers

Specifies that certain rivers that possess scenic, recreational, fishery, wildlife, historical, cultural, geological, or other similar values shall be preserved in their free-flowing state, together with their immediate environments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the state.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh**

AB 979

Lackey (R)

Local Agency Formation Commissions: Representation

Requires the executive officer of a local agency formation commission to call and hold a meeting of the special district selection committee under certain circumstances. Establishes requirements for voting and resolution adoption relating to special district representation.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (A)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1000

Friedman (D)

Water Conveyance: Unused Facility Capacity

Prohibits a transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin underlying desert lands that is in the vicinity of specified federal lands or state lands to outside of the groundwater basin unless the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, finds that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources of those federal and state lands.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Jayne Joy**

AB 1008

McCarty (D)

Employment Discrimination: Conviction History

Repeals the prohibition on a state or local agency from asking an applicant for employment to disclose information regarding criminal conviction. Provides that it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer with a specified number of employees, to include on any application for employment any question that seeks the disclosure of an applicant's conviction history, to inquire into, or to consider the conviction history of an applicant until that applicant has received a conditional offer.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1009

Gallagher (R)

Sustainable Groundwater Management

Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources that are designated as basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: John Daverin**

<p>AB 1017 Santiago (D)</p>	<p>Collective Bargaining Agreements: Arbitration</p> <p>Amends the existing law, with regard to disputes concerning collective bargaining agreements for private employees. Provides for such provision apply to public employment. Limits liability for attorney’s fees under such provisions to a labor organization or employer.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Denise Bowman</p>
<p>AB 1025 Rubio (D)</p>	<p>Incompatible Public Offices</p> <p>Repeals provisions that prohibit a public officer, including an appointed or elected member of a governmental board, from simultaneously holding two public offices that are incompatible.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 1030 Ting (D)</p>	<p>Energy Storage Systems</p> <p>Establishes energy policy goals of the state with respect to energy storage. Requires the Public Utility Commission to undertake specified actions with respect to customer- and load-sited energy storage systems in order to achieve those energy policy goals, including a rebate program dedicated to energy storage that carves out a portion of funding for low-income customers and disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Dan Howell</p>
<p>AB 1032 Calderon I (D)</p>	<p>State Department of Public Health</p> <p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision that authorizes the State Department of Public Health to adopt and enforce regulations for the excavation of its duties.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 1047 Gallagher (R)</p>	<p>Disaster Relief: Lake Oroville</p> <p>Requires the state share to be a certain percent of the total state eligible costs connected with the mandatory evacuation that occurred in the Counties of Butte, Sutter, and Yuba due to the potential failure of the auxiliary emergency spillway at Lake Oroville.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 1050 Allen T (R)</p>	<p>Endangered Species Act: Delta Smelt</p> <p>Requires the Fish and Game Commission to remove the Delta smelt from the endangered species list.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh</p>

AB 1052

Allen T (R)

Financial Information System for California

Modifies the Financial Information System for California Act system's transparency component to provide that the public have access to information regarding expenditures to the extent that information was provided by all state onboarded departments and agencies utilizing the system. Requires the Internet Web site to be interactive, searchable, and regularly updated, and include specified features.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1066

Aguiar-Curry (D)

Public Works: Definition

Expands the meaning of the term public works to include specific types of tree removal work. Expands the scope of a crime.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel; Joe Mouawad**

AB 1070

Gonzalez (D)

Solar Energy Systems: Contracts: Disclosures

Requires the Contractors' State License Board to develop and make available on its Web site a specified disclosure document regarding solar energy system installation, to be provided to a consumer prior to completion of a sale, financing, or lease of a solar energy system. Requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to resolve complaints and questions regarding solar energy systems companies and contractors. Requires the Department to report complaint information on its Web site.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

AB 1075

Reyes (D)

Rights: Temporary Permits: Expiration

Provides for the State Water Resources Control Board administers a water rights program pursuant to which the board grants permits and licenses to appropriate water. Allows a person to apply for a temporary permit for diversion and use of water. Extends the time period for the automatic expiration of a temporary permit to specific amount of days.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: John Daverin**

AB 1080

Gonzalez (D)

Public Contracts: Bid Preferences: Employee Health Care

Requires an agency awarding a specified contract to provide a certain percent bid preference to a bidder or subcontractor that provided credible health care coverage, as defined, during the 12-month period immediately preceding submission of the bid. Requires a bidder and its subcontractors to submit claim statements certifying that the bidder and all of the listed subcontractors qualify for the bid preference. Requires the bidder and contractors to continue to provide coverage.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel; Dan Howell**

AB 1097

Levine (D)

Department of Fish and Wildlife: Natural Areas Program

Amends an existing law which requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to administer the Significant Natural Areas Program and to maintain, expand, and keep current the California Natural Diversity Database data management system. Requires that data to be made available on the department's Internet Web site.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh**

AB 1111

Garcia E (D)

Removing Barriers to Employment Act: Breaking Barriers

Enacts the Removing Barriers to Employment Act. Establishes the Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative administered by the California Workforce Development Board. Specifies that the purpose of the initiative is to create a grant program to provide individuals, with barriers to employment, the services they need to enter, participate in, and complete broader workforce preparation, training, and education programs aligned with regional labor market needs. Creates a fund.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1117

Fong (R)

California Environmental Quality Act

Amends the California Environmental Quality Act (California Environmental Quality Act). Provides for the aesthetic effects of a project subject to California Environmental Quality Act action brought pursuant to provisions of California Environmental Quality Act disclosure of a person or entity that contributes a specified sum toward the plaintiff's or petitioner's costs. Provides that California Environmental Quality Act not be used for a nonenvironmental purpose. Provides for dismissal of the action, award of attorney's fees.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Kelley Gage**

AB 1132

Garcia (D)

Nonvehicular Air Pollution: Order for Abatement

Authorizes an air pollution control officer, if they find that any person is causing an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare, or the environment, by violating requirements related to the emission of air pollutants by stationary sources, to issue an interim order for abatement pending a hearing before the hearing board of the air district. Requires the air pollution control officer to notify the alleged violator and establishes procedure for a hearing.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1133

Dahle (R)

California Endangered Species Act

Provides that the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) prohibits the taking of an endangered or threatened species. Provides that a person who obtains a federal enhancement of survival permit requires no further authorization to take that species as identified in the enhancement of survival permit. provide that it is the intent of the Legislature that the department should undertake appropriate public outreach before introducing species that is designated as an experimental population under FESA.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1173

Harper (R)

Employment: Work Hours: Holiday Season: Overtime

Establishes an overtime exemption for an employee-selected holiday season flexible work schedule which would an employee-selected flexible work schedule providing for workdays up to 10 hours per day within a 40-hour workweek.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1174

Harper (R)

Right to Work: Labor Organizations

Prohibits a person from requiring an employee to contribute financial support to a labor organization or financially support a charity or other organization sponsored by a labor organization.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1180

Holden (D)

Los Angeles County Flood Control District

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to levy a tax or impose a fee or charge to pay the costs and expenses of carrying out projects and programs to increase stormwater capture and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution in the district. Specifies that projects funded by the revenues may include projects that increase water supply and improve water quality.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1186

Chau (D)

Cybersecurity

Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to cybersecurity.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Mike Malone**

AB 1198**Net Energy Metering**

Dahle (R)

Amends an existing law which requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop a contract or tariff for an eligible customer-generator with a renewable electrical generation facility that is a customer of a large electrical corporation, which requires that corporation to offer the contract or tariff beginning a specified date. Requires that the specific alternative be designed for growth among residential customers in lower income households.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1211**State Policy for Water Quality Control**

Dahle (R)

Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, which provides that the state policy for water quality control is required to consist of water quality principles and guidelines for long-range resource planning, water quality objectives, and other principles and guidelines deemed essential by the State Water Resources Control Board for water quality control.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1212**Hazardous Materials: Chemicals of Concern**

Dahle (R)

Makes nonsubstantive changes to an existing law which requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt regulations concerning identification of chemicals or chemical ingredients in consumer products that may be considered chemicals of concern.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1222**Vehicles: Electronic Wireless Communications Devices**

Quirk (D)

Removes a specialized mobile radio device and a two-way messaging device from the list of devices specifically included as an electronic wireless communications device.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman; Doug Hefley**

AB 1223**Construction Contract Payments: Web Site Posting**

Caballero (D)

Requires a state agency to post, on its website, a project for which payment was made, within a specified number of days of making the payment. Requires the name of the construction contractor or company paid, the date the payment was made or the date the state agency transmitted instructions for payment, and certain other information. Exempts construction contracts valued below the specified amount and specified progress payments published in the California State Contracts Register, under existing law.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad**

AB 1225

Patterson (R)

State Department of Public Health: Regulations

Requires the State Department of Public Health to report to the Legislature annually on its efforts to update or modernize its regulations, including with regard to its use of certain program flex waivers. Requires a health facility that received program flexibility from the department to post a notice stating that it has been approved for program flexibility and where documents are available for inspection.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1235

Daly (D)

Santa Ana River Conservancy Program

Appropriates a specified sum from the General Fund to the conservancy to be expended for the purposes of the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1238

Kiley (R)

Background Checks: Volunteers

Exempts a human resource agency tracking volunteer information provided to community-based organizations, from the fee otherwise charged by the Department of Justice for processing a request for those records. Revises the definition of human resource agency. Includes a public or private entity responsible for tracking information related to a person who is applying as a volunteer within the human services field.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1241

Flora (R)

Employment: Work Hours

Makes nonsubstantive changes to the existing law which establishes 8 hours as a day's work and a 40-hour workweek, and requires payment of prescribed overtime compensation for additional hours worked.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1248

Gloria (D)

Public Agencies: Information

Makes other nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires the governing board of a public agency to file with the Secretary of State a statement containing specified information about the public entity and its governing board and officers.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1250

Jones-Sawyer (D)

Counties: Contracts for Personal Services

Establishes specific standards for the use of personal services contracts by counties. Requires the county to demonstrate that the proposed contract will result in costs savings to the county and to show that the contract does not cause displacement of county or city workers. Establishes liability provisions for employment law violations and torts committed in the course of providing services under contract. Imposes disclosure requirements on contracts.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1260

Medina (D)

Workers Compensation

Prohibits a person from advertising, printing, displaying, publishing, distributing, or broadcasting a statement concerning services or benefits to be provided to an injured worker which is paid for by that person or entity that is false, misleading or deceptive. Provides that violations are punishable by incarceration or by a fine, or by both. Increases the maximum fine for that offense.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Doug Hefley**

AB 1270

Gallagher (R)

Dams and Reservoirs: Inspections and Reporting

Requires the Division of Safety of Dams to inspect dams, reservoirs, and critical appurtenant structures within its jurisdiction once per fiscal year with the exception of low hazard potential dams which the bill would require to receive inspections. Provides that the dam inspection reports are public records.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1295

Chu (D)

Workers' Compensation: Aggregate Disability Payments

Requires that if a denial of treatment requested by a treating physician is subsequently overturned by independent medical review or by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, any temporary disability paid or owing from the date of the denial until the treatment is authorized would not be included in the calculation of the aggregate disability payments.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Doug Hefley**

AB 1309

Cooley (D)

Employment Without Reinstatement

Authorizes the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to assess an employer that fails to enroll a retired member employed without reinstatement within a certain number of days after the effective date of hire, or fails to report the pay rate and number of hours worked by the retired member within a certain number of days of the last day of the pay period in which the retired member worked, a specified sum fee per month.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by:**

AB 1310

Allen T (R)

Public Retirement Systems: Member Statements

Requires the Public Employees' Retirement System, the State Teachers' Retirement System, the Judges' Retirement System II, to disclose the unfunded liability and healthcare debt of the system on each member statement provided to members of the system.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Charles Turner; Debby Cherney**

AB 1311

Allen T (R)

Public Employees' Retirement System: Board

Revises the composition of the Board of Administration of PERS. Replaces a life insurer, whom the Governor is currently authorized to appoint, with a gubernatorial appointee who has expertise in health insurance. Makes changes concerning payments, reimbursements, and benefits for travel. Relates to election procedures developed by the board.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Charles Turner; Debby Cherney**

AB 1317

Gray (D)

Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Program

Revises the definition of covered source to include stationary irrigation or water conveyance engines for purposes of the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (A)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1323

Weber (D)

Sustainable Water Use and Demand Reduction

Requires the Department of Water Resources to convene a stakeholder workgroup. Requires the workgroup to develop, evaluate, and recommend proposals for establishing new water use targets for urban water suppliers and report to the Governor and the Legislature. Requires all expenses to be the responsibility of the nonstate agency stakeholders.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 1328

Limon (D)

Oil and Gas: Water Quality

Provides that, if disposition of wastewater produced from an oil or gas field includes discharge to surface, the State Water Resources Control Board or a regional board may require certain information to be furnished relating to all chemicals in the discharged wastewater that could affect the quality of state waters. Provides for certain trade secret protections. Requires information collected to be available on the Internet Web site of the state board.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; John Daverin**

AB 1333

Dababneh (D)

Political Reform Act: Local Government Agency Notices

Requires every local government agency to prominently post on its Internet Web site a notice of any upcoming election in which voters will vote on a tax measure or proposed bond issuance of the agency. Requires every local government agency that publishes an electronic newsletter to include the notice in the electronic newsletter.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh**

AB 1337

Patterson (R)

Fish and Game Commission: Meetings and Hearings:

Requires the commission to provide a live video broadcast on its Internet Web site of every commission meeting or hearing that is open and public and every meeting or hearing conducted by the marine resources committee, wildlife resources committee, or tribal committee that is open and public.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Jolene Walsh**

AB 1342

Flora (R)

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Appropriations

Appropriates from the fund to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for healthy forest programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by uncontrolled wildfires. Appropriates from the fund to the Department Resources Recycling and Recovery for instate organic waste recycling projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1359

Chau (D)

Cybersecurity: Critical Infrastructure Business: Notice

Requires a critical infrastructure business that experiences a breach of security and is required by federal law to disclose that breach to also disclose to the Office of Emergency Services in a form specified by the Office.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Mike Malone**

AB 1366 Brough (R)	California Public Employees Pension Reform Act of 2013 Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law providing for a defined benefit pension plan for certain public employees.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1369 Gray (D)	Water Quality and Storage Requires the Department of Water Resources to increase statewide water storage capacity by a certain percent by a specified year. Provides for the appropriation of moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the department that are designated as basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: John Daverin
AB 1383 Fong (R)	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 Requires the State Air Resources Board to take specified actions and make specified findings prior to adopting a regulation under the Global Warming Solutions Act. Requires the State Board to take specified actions within 2 years of adopting a regulation under the act and to revise that regulation based on those specified actions.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1388 Chen (R)	Employers: Wage Discrimination Makes a nonsubstantive change to provisions that prohibits an employer from paying any of its employees at wage rates less than the rates paid to employees of the opposite sex or another race or ethnicity for substantially similar work, when viewed as a composite of skill, effort, and responsibility, and performed under similar working conditions.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Denise Bowman
AB 1397 Low (D)	Local Planning: Housing Element Requires the inventory of land to be available for residential development in addition to being suitable for residential development and to include vacant sites and sites that have realistic and demonstrated potential for redevelopment during the planning period to meet the locality's housing need for a designated income level. Requires parcels included in the inventory to have sufficient utilities supply available to support housing development.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C) Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

AB 1400 Friedman (D)	Microgrid Projects: Diesel Backup Generators Prohibits recipients of moneys awarded under the Electric Program Investment Charge program and the Public Interest Research, Development, and Demonstration Program from expending those moneys for the purchase of diesel generators for projects related to the deployment of microgrids. EMWD's Position: Watch Reviewed by: Jayne Joy Priority: (C)
AB 1404 Berman (D)	Environmental Quality Act: Categorical Exemption Revises exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act to include proposed residential and mixed-use housing projects occurring within an unincorporated area of a county. Requires the Office of Planning and Research to recommend proposed regulatory amendments for the implementation of these provisions. Requires the secretary to certify and adopt the changes. EMWD's Position: Watch Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Kelley Gage Priority: (C)
AB 1414 Friedman (D)	Solar Energy Systems: Permits Revises the definition of solar energy system to specify that a design feature additional includes any photovoltaic device or technology that is integrated into a building. Revises and reduces the maximum permit fees for photovoltaic and thermal energy systems. Authorizes permit fees that exceed certain charges under certain circumstances. EMWD's Position: Watch Reviewed by: Dan Howell Priority: (C)
AB 1420 Aguiar-Curry (D)	Water Rights: Small Irrigation Use Requires State Water Resources Control Board to give priority to adopting general conditions that permit a registrant to store water for small irrigation use during times of high streamflow in exchange for the registrant reducing diversions during periods of low streamflow. Exempts an entity from the requirement to enter into a lake or streambed alteration agreement with the department under specified circumstances. EMWD's Position: Watch Reviewed by: John Daverin; Kelley Gage Priority: (C)
AB 1427 Eggman (D)	Water: Underground Storage Revises the declaration to additionally provide that certain uses of storage water while underground constitute beneficial use. Provides that the forfeiture periods of a water right do not apply to water being beneficially used or being held in storage for later beneficial use. EMWD's Position: Oppose Reviewed by: John Daverin Priority: (A)

AB 1431

Arambula (D)

Energy Efficiency: Renewable Energy Resources

Requires the Energy Commission to organize a working group with the Public Utilities Commission and other entities to promote energy efficiency, including weatherization, programs to promote utilization of renewable energy resources, and rate assistance programs targeted toward low-income consumers and disadvantaged communities. Requires the working group to evaluate the effectiveness of programs to promote energy efficiency.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

AB 1438Env Safety and Toxic
Material Cmt**State Water Resource Control Board**

Amends the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Act. Updates obsolete references. Authorizes the State Board to require an owner of a laboratory under these provisions to provide certain information or records to the state board. Amends the California Safe Drinking Water Act. Authorizes the State Board to suspend or revoke a permit if the State Board determines that the permittee is in violation of the act.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1442

Allen T (R)

Bonds: Transportation: Water Projects

Provides that no additional bonds shall be sold for high-speed rail purposes under the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, except as specifically provided for existing appropriations. Requires the net proceeds of certain bonds issued and sold under the Act to be made available to fund capital expenditures for water projects, including desalination facilities, wastewater treatment and recycling facilities, reservoirs, water conveyance infrastructure, and aquifer recharge.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1455

Bocanegra (D)

The California Public Records Act: Exemptions

Amends the California Public Records Acts which requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection. Provides for exemption from disclosure specific records of local agencies related to activities governed by the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Steve O'Neill**

AB 1457

Allen T (R)

State Contract Act: Suspension Of Contractors: Contempt

Authorizes a state agency to suspend a person for a certain number of years from bidding on, or being awarded, a public works or services contract if that person or specified other person has been certified by the President of the United States Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives under specified federal law as having failed to give testimony, produce papers, or answer any pertinent question when summoned as a witness by the authority of the United States Congress.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad**

AB 1481

Nazarian (D)

Water: Public Use

Makes nonsubstantive changes to an existing law which declares that all water within the state is the property of the people of the state, but the right to the use of the water may be acquired by appropriation in the manner provided by law.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Denise Bowman**

AB 1483

Daly (D)

Housing-Related Parks Program

Amends existing law which establishes the Housing-Related Parks Program, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, which provides grants for the creation, development, or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities to cities, counties, and cities and counties. Appropriates a specified sum from the General Fund to the Urban-Suburban-and-Rural Parks Account for these purposes.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1489

Brough (R)

Architects Practice Act

Provides that a licensed architect is not responsible for damage caused by construction deviating from a permitted set of plans, specifications, reports, or documents. States that a legal duty is not imposed upon an architect who signs and stamps certain plans, specifications, reports, or documents. Provides for the definition of construction observation services.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad**

AB 1490

Gray (D)

State Water Resources Control Board: School Water

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report evaluating potential adverse impacts resulting from the implementation of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan on the quality and supply of drinking water provided to schools in disadvantaged communities, in the state, including a summary describing any measures that may be implemented to address any adverse impacts identified in the report. Relates to school financial assistance.

EMWD's Position: Concerns**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1494	Energy Efficiency
Patterson (R)	Makes nonsubstantive revisions to an existing law which authorizes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, energy efficiency standards, including appliance efficiency standards.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)
	Reviewed by: Dan Howell
AB 1507	Local Government
Grayson (D)	Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require certain local agencies to have a capital improvement program.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)
	Reviewed by: Danielle Coats
AB 1529	Cross Connection or Backflow Prevention Inspectors
Thurmond (D)	Requires valid and current certifications for cross connection inspection or backflow prevention device inspection, testing, and maintenance that meet specified requirements for competency to be considered approved certification tests, until the Water Resources Control Board promulgates specified regulations or by a specified date. Prohibits a water supplier from refusing to recognize certifications tests that meet standards set by regulations of the board.
	EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: (A)
	Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Jim Lee
AB 1543	Municipal Water Districts: Bonds
Gloria (D)	Makes nonsubstantive changes in existing law which authorizes a municipal water district to issue bonds for the purpose of providing money required to be paid to any district or authority organized under the Metropolitan Water District Act or the County Water Authority Act. Specifies that the amount of those bonds may include the expenses of all proceedings for the authorization, issuance, and sale of the bonds.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)
	Reviewed by: Charles Turner; Heidi Schrader
AB 1546	Public Contracts: Information Technology: Report
Burke (D)	Requires the Director of Technology to develop a standardized contractor performance assessment report system to evaluate the performance of a contractor on any information technology contract or project reportable to the Department of Technology.
	EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)
	Reviewed by: Mike Malone

AB 1552

Quirk-Silva (D)

LGBT Business Enterprise Procurement: Late Payment

Amends the existing law which requires each electrical, gas, water, mobile telephony service provider, or telephone corporation, with gross annual revenues exceeding the specified amount, and its commission-regulated subsidiaries and affiliates, to annually submit a detailed and verifiable plan for increasing procurement from women, minority, disabled veteran, and LGBT business enterprises. Implements an outreach program to inform and recruit business enterprises to apply for procurement contracts.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

AB 1558

Garcia (D)

Los Angeles River: River Ranger Program

Requires specified conservancies to collaborate with the Department of Parks and Recreation, the California Conservation Corps, and the State Lands Commission to develop a river ranger program to provide a network of river rangers who assist the public at sites along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries. Require the conservancies to develop a plan for the design and implementation of the program.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1562

Garcia E (D)

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Desert Water

Requires the Desert Water Agency to determine the feasibility of forming a joint powers agreement with specified entities for the purpose of managing the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin and to report its findings to certain entities.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: John Daverin**

AB 1565

Thurmond (D)

Work Hours: Overtime Compensation

Authorizes the Industrial Welfare Commission to establish exemptions from overtime pay requirements for certain executive, administrative, and professional employees. Exempts from overtime compensation an executive, administrative, or professional employee if the employee earns a monthly salary of a specified sum.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1573

Bloom (D)

Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program.

Relates to the Green Tariff Shared Renewables Program. Increases the maximum nameplate generating capacity for a generating facility that is eligible under the program.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad**

AB 1587

Levine (D)

Invasive Species: Dreissenid Mussels

Authorizes a peace officer to engage in certain enforcement activities. Requires the Director of Fish and Wildlife, upon lifting a closure, quarantine, or restriction on a reservoir where dreissenid mussels have been detected, to order the entity that owns or manages the reservoir to implement a dreissenid mussel control program to prevent the spread of dreissenid mussels within the state from conveyances exiting the reservoir. Imposes a quagga and zebra mussel infestation prevention fee.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh**

AB 1603

Ridley-Thomas S (D)

Meyers-Milias-Brown Act: Local Public Agencies

Relates to the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act which allows employees of local public agencies have the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations. Revises the definition of public employee to include persons jointly employed by a public agency and any other employer at specified clinics and hospitals. Specifies rules and regulations.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1605

Caballero (D)

Maximum Contaminant Levels: Replacement Water

Deems a person that causes or permits, or threatens to cause or permit, any waste to be discharged that contributes to the exceedance of the maximum contaminant level for nitrate in drinking water to not have caused pollution or a nuisance or to not be liable for negligence or trespass, if the person or entity takes certain actions relating to replacement water until the maximum contaminant level for nitrate is no longer exceeded.

EMWD's Position: Concerns**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1620

Dababneh (D)

Political Reform Act: Postgovernment Employment

Extends the time period for certain prohibitions for a member of the Legislature who resigns from office by providing that the period commences with the effective date of the resignation and concludes one year after adjournment sine die of the session in which the resignation occurred.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1621

Allen T (R)

Proposition 65: Enforcement: Private Actions

Relates to actions for violation of warning requirements under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act. Requires the same factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the certificate of merit to be attached to the certificate of merit served on the alleged violator. Repeals the prohibition on the moving party being present at the in-camera proceeding. Authorizes a court to award reasonable attorney's fees to a defendant who has prevailed in a final determination of the action.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1628

Grayson (D)

Public Works: Independent Contractors

Prohibits the use of independent contractors on public works projects.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad**

AB 1645

Muratsuchi (D)

Hydrogen Fluoride: Notice Of Use: Substitution

Requires a refinery that, at any time, handles, maintains, or stores more than a specified number of gallons of fluoride, including hydrofluoric acid and modified hydrofluoric acid, to, if possible, convert to a known, significantly less hazardous substitute by a specified date.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Jeff Wall**

AB 1654

Rubio (D)

Water Conservation

States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation necessary to help make water conservation a California way of life.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (A)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 1658

Frazier (D)

State Agencies: Accountability

Requires the secretary of each agency and every year thereafter, to review all programs that were created or expanded either by statute or regulation in the previous year that a department, office, or unit of that agency is responsible for administering. Requires the secretary to establish metrics to determine the success of that program, and to continuously evaluate the performance of that program. Provides for publication of certain information.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

AB 1668

Friedman (D)

Water Management Planning

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt long term standards for the efficient use of water and performance measures for certain water uses. Requires the department to conduct necessary studies. Establishes a specified number of gallons as a standard for indoor residential water use effective until a specified date. Requires use of available data to identify small water suppliers and rural communities that may be at risk of drought and water shortage no later than a specific date.

EMWD's Position: Oppose unless amended**Priority: (A)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

<p>AB 1669 Friedman (D)</p>	<p>Urban Water Conservation Standards and Use Reporting</p> <p>Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, to adopt long-term standards for urban water conservation and water use by a specified date. Provides for the adoption of interim standards. Requires the board, before adopting an emergency regulation, to provide a certain number of days for the public to review and comment on the regulation and requires the board to hold a public hearing.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Oppose Priority: (B)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted</p>
<p>AB 1671 Caballero (D)</p>	<p>Backflow Protection and Cross-Connection Controls</p> <p>Requires a public water system to implement a cross-connection control program that complies with applicable regulations and standards. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt standards for backflow protection and cross-connection control. Authorizes the Board to do so through the adoption of a policy handbook.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Support Priority: (B)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jim Lee</p>
<p>AB 1673 Aguiar-Curry (D)</p>	<p>The California Water Plan</p> <p>Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires the Department of Water Resources to update every five years, the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development and use of the water resources of the state.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted</p>
<p>AB 1683 Burke (D)</p>	<p>Transformative Climate Communities Program: Report</p> <p>Requires the Strategic Growth Council to submit a specified report on the Transformative Climate Communities Program to the Governor and specified committees of the Legislature.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Danielle Coats</p>
<p>AB 1697 Insurance Cmt</p>	<p>Workers’ Compensation</p> <p>Requires the administrative director to establish an antifraud support unit within the Division of Workers’ Compensation. Sets forth the duties of the unit, including coordinating and advancing antifraud activities for the division and serving as the point of contact between the division and other agencies and entities engaged in antifraud activities.</p> <p>EMWD’s Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Doug Hefley</p>

AB 1701

Thurmond (D)

Labor Related Liabilities: Original Contractor

Requires a direct contractor, as defined, making or taking a contract in the state, on or after a specified date, for work on a building, structure, or other work, to assume and be liable for, specified debt owed to a wage claimant that is incurred by any subcontractor, acting under, by, or for the direct contractor for the wage claimant's performance of labor included in the subject of the original contract. Authorizes certain civil actions.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel**

AB 1703Labor and
Employment Cmt**Employee Wages**

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires that employers pay wages to their employees, twice per month, on days designated in advance as regular paydays, and which allows employees defined as executive, administrative, or professional to be paid once per month.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

AB 1713

Agriculture Cmt

Fertilizer: Fertilizing Material

Requires the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, at least once a year for each licensee, to conduct field tests within the distribution system of high-risk material. Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to report to the Fertilizer Inspection Advisory Board the cost of an inspection program for organic input material conducted pursuant to specified provisions.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 1725Local Government
Cmt**Local Agency Formation**

Requires the local agency formation commission to notify state agencies of the receipt of an application for a proposed change of organization or reorganization. Authorizes a local agency formation commission to establish a schedule of fees and a schedule of service charges pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act. Refers to an application for a proposed change of organization or reorganization that includes the annexation of territory to any district.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

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Mayes (R)

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund

Creates the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund, in which all moneys collected by the State Air Resources Board as part of a market-based compliance mechanism.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

ACA 3

Kiley (R)

Elections: Initiatives and Referenda

Transfers from the Attorney General to the Legislative Analyst the duty of preparing the title and summary for a proposed initiative or referendum. Requires, for each measure that appears on a statewide ballot, that the Legislative Analyst to prepare the ballot label, and the ballot title and summary for the ballot pamphlet.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

ACA 9

Obernolte (R)

Budget Bill: Passage Requirements

Requires the Budget Bill to be enacted by midnight on June 15. Requires other bills that provide for appropriations relating to the Budget Bill to be necessary to implement the budget, and requires those bills to be enacted by midnight on June 30. Provides that if either type of bill is not enacted by the applicable deadline, the measure would prohibit the bill from taking effect with a majority vote, thereby requiring it to be passed by a two-thirds vote.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

ACA 15

Brough (R)

Public Employee Retirement Benefits

Enacts the Protecting Schools and Keeping Pension Promises Act of 2018. Prohibits a government employer from enhancing employee benefits without the approval by the voters of the jurisdiction, and prohibits a government employer from enrolling a new government employee in a defined benefit pension plan without the approval by the voters of the jurisdiction.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

ACR 40

Ting (D)

Legislature: State Budget: Zero-Based Budgeting

States the intent of the Legislature to incorporate the findings of the statewide mission-based review project being conducted by the Department of Finance into its oversight and review process and to use a zero-based budgeting approach for preparing the state budget.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 5

de León (D)

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate

Enacts the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018. Authorizes the issuance of bonds of a specified sum pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all programs. Reallocates a specified portion of the unissued bonds to finance the purposes of drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access, upon voter approval.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jeff Wall; Jolene Walsh**

SB 24

Portantino (D)

Political Reform Act of 1974: Economic Interest

Amends the Political Reform Act which requires certain disclosures to include a statement indicating the fair market value of investments or interests in real property and the aggregate value of income received from each reportable source. Revises the dollar amounts associated with these ranges.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 32

Moorlach (R)

Public Employees' Pension Reform

Creates the Citizens' Pension Oversight Committee to serve in an advisory role to the Teachers' Retirement Board and the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). Requires the committee to review the actual pension costs and obligations of PERS and the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) and report on these costs and obligations to the public. Includes reports of audits of STRS and PERS.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 45

Mendoza (D)

Political Reform Act: Mass Mailing Prohibition

Prohibits a mass mailing from being sent within a specified number of days preceding an election by or on behalf of a candidate whose name will appear on the ballot, except as otherwise required by law.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 49

de León (D)

Environmental and Workers' Defense Act

Relates to the California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2017. Relates to clean air, drinking water, discharge of pollutants into the atmosphere and waters, and endangered species. Requires specified agencies to take prescribed actions to maintain and enforce standards pertaining to air, water, and protected species. Prohibits a state agency from amending rules to be less stringent in protection of workers' rights and workers' safety than established by federal law.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

SB 50

Allen (D)

Federal Public Lands: Conveyances

Establishes a policy of the state to discourage conveyances of federal public lands in California from the federal government. Specifies that these conveyances are void ab initio unless the state lands commission was provided the right of first refusal or the right to arrange for the transfer of the federal public land to another entity. Requires the commission, the Wildlife Conservation Board, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to enter into a memorandum of understanding.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 63

Jackson (D)

Unlawful Employment Practice: Parental Leave

Requires the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, upon receiving funding from the Legislature, to create a parental leave mediation pilot program. Provides that within a specified number of days of receipt of a right to sue notice, an employer may request all parties to participate in the department's Mediation Division Program. Prohibits an employee from pursuing any civil action under these provisions until the mediation is complete, as defined.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 64

Wieckowski (D)

Independent System Operator: Integration of Generation

Requires the Independent System Operator to review and revise its operations to minimize any logistical impediments, including export limits, to day-ahead scheduling of intermittent generation from renewable energy resources between the ISO and other balancing area authorities, in order to address any over-supply of generation from renewable energy resources at times when it is inexpensive and abundant.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

SB 76

Nielsen (R)

Excluded Employees: Arbitration

Enacts the Excluded Employee Arbitration Act to permit an employee organization that represents an excluded employee who has filed certain grievances with the Department of Human Resources to request arbitration of the grievance if specified conditions are met.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 100

de León (D)

Renewables Portfolio Standards: Biomethane: Emissions

Amends existing law relating to the Renewables Portfolio Standard Program. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a renewables portfolio standard requiring retail sellers to procure a minimum quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources. Establishes procurement requirements.

EMWD's Position: Oppose**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jeff Wall**

SB 121Budget and Fiscal
Review Cmt**Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Expenditure Plan**

Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact statutory changes necessary to implement the 2017 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Expenditure Plan.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 146

Wilk (R)

Water Resources: Permit To Appropriate

Amends an existing law which prohibits the taking or possession of a fully protected fish, except as provided, and designates the unarmored threespine stickleback as a fully protected fish. Prohibits the issuance of a new permit to appropriate water from any river source or stream that has, or is reasonably suspected to have, a population of unarmored threespine stickleback.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 200

Morrell (R)

Public Employees Retirement Benefits: Compensation

Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), which provides that final compensation means the average annual pensionable compensation earned during a period of at least 36 consecutive months, or at least 3 consecutive years.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 205Governance and
Finance Cmt**Local Government Omnibus Act of 2017**

Repeals the exclusion of a residential dwelling eligible for the property tax postponement program any residential dwelling subject to a PACE bond. Amends existing law to rename the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District Act as the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District Act and to rename the district as the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 206Governance and
Finance Cmt**Validations**

Enacts the First Validating Act of 2017, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 207Governance and
Finance Cmt**Validations**

Enacts the Second Validating Act of 2017, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 208Governance and
Finance Cmt**Validations**

Enacts the Third Validating Act of 2017, which validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 210

Leyva (D)

Heavy Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

Authorizes the State Air Resources Board to develop and implement a Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for nongasoline heavy-duty on road motor vehicles. Authorizes the State Board to assess a fee and penalty as part of the program. Creates the Truck Emission Check Fund and the Diesel Emission System Inspection and Smoke Test Account in the fund, with all the moneys deposited in each fund to be available upon appropriation.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh**

SB 212

Jackson (D)

Medical Waste

Adds to the Medical Waste Management Act a definition of home-generated pharmaceutical waste as a prescription or over-the-counter human or veterinary home-generated pharmaceutical that is waste and is derived from a household, including, but not limited to, a multifamily residence or household.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

SB 214

Atkins (D)

San Diego River Conservancy

Specifies that the powers of the San Diego River Conservancy include improving, developing, and preserving lands for the purpose of protecting the natural, cultural, and historical resources, and entering into a joint powers agreement.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 231

Hertzberg (D)

Local Government: Fees and Charges

Relates to a provision of the California Constitution that requires that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provision of written notice and the holding of a public hearing. Defines the term sewer for these purposes. Makes findings and declarations relating to the definition of the term sewer for these purposes.

EMWD's Position: Concerns**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 242

Skinner (D)

Property Assessed Clean Energy Program - PACE

Amends the PACE financing program. Requires a program administrator to make an oral confirmation, in a language preferred by the property owner, that at least one owner has reasonable understanding of the program. Requires a program administrator to record and to retain the recordation of the oral confirmation. Prohibits a contractor from charging a different price for a PACE project. Makes it unlawful to commence work under a home improvement contract if owner rescinds the PACE financing.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 252

Dodd (D)

Water Wells

Requires a city or county overlying a critically overdrafted basin to request estimates of certain information from an applicant for a new well located within a critically overdrafted basin as part of an application for a well permit. Requires this information to be made available to both the public and to groundwater sustainability agencies and easily accessible.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: John Daverin**

SB 262

Wieckowski (D)

Climate Change: Climate Adaptation: Advisory Council

Amends an existing law which requires the Office of Planning and Research to establish an advisory council. Specifies that members on the advisory council shall serve staggered terms.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 263

Leyva (D)

Climate Assistance Centers

Requires the Strategic Growth Council to establish regional climate assistance centers. Requires the centers to target user groups technical assistance in applying for moneys, provide to target user groups assistance and training in project management and implementation, and work with local organizations to formulate policy ideas that accomplish specified goals. Authorizes the council and climate assistance centers to solicit and accept nonstate money.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 276

Dodd (D)

State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program

Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to administer the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to implement irrigation management systems that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save water, and reduce energy use in agricultural operations in the state, offer technical assistance to program applicants, and perform outreach to groundwater basins designated as high- or medium priority basins.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

SB 285

Atkins (D)

Public Employers: Union Organizing

Prohibits a public employer from deterring or discouraging public employees from becoming or remaining members of an employee organization. Defines a public employer for this purpose to include counties, cities, districts, the state, schools, transit districts, the University of California, and the California State University, among others.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 338

Skinner (D)

Integrated Resource Plan: Peak Demand

Requires the Public Utilities Commission and the governing boards of local publicly owned electric utilities to consider, as a part of the integrated resource plan process, the role of energy technology and energy efficiency related tools to help ensure that each load serving entity or local publicly owned electric utility meets energy needs and reliability needs, while reducing the need for new electricity generation and transmission in achieving state energy goals at the least cost to ratepayers.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

SB 371

Moorlach (R)

Local Public Employee Organizations

Prohibits an individual who will be affected by a memorandum of understanding between a local public agency and a recognized public employee organization from representing the public agency in negotiations with the recognized employee organization.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 372

Cannella (R)

San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater

Creates the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency as the exclusive groundwater sustainability agency and successor agency. Establishes the initial boundaries of the agency and authorizes the agency's boundaries to be changed.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: John Daverin**

SB 373

Cannella (R)

Public Contracts: Design-build: Regional Water

Modifies the definitions to authorize the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority to use the design-building procurement process for its Regional Surface Water Supply Project.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

<p>SB 417 Berryhill (R)</p>	<p>State Water Resources Control Board</p> <p>Makes nonsubstantive changes to declarations establishing the State Water Resources Control Board to exercise the adjudicatory and regulatory functions to provide for coordinated consideration of water rights, water quality, and safe and reliable drinking water.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>SB 423 Cannella (R)</p>	<p>Indemnity: Design Professionals</p> <p>Amends an existing law which provides, with respect to certain contracts and amendments to contracts with a public agency for design professional services, that all provisions, clauses, covenants, and agreements contained in, collateral to, or affecting these contracts or amendments that purport to require the professional to defend the agency under an indemnity agreement are unenforceable, except for certain cases. Makes such provisions applicable to all design professional services.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: (A)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Bruce Mitzel</p>
<p>SB 427 Leyva (D)</p>	<p>Community Water Systems: Lead User Service Lines</p> <p>Requires a community water system to provide the timeline for replacement of known lead user service lines in use in its distribution system to the State Water Resources Board. Requires certain public water systems to provide related findings. Authorizes the application and enforcement of these provisions under the Safe Drinking Water Act.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Jayne Joy</p>
<p>SB 450 Hertzberg (D)</p>	<p>Public Bodies: Bonds: Public Notice</p> <p>Requires the governing body of a public body to obtain and disclose specified information regarding the issuance of bonds in a meeting open to the public. Requires the information to be obtained as a good faith estimate from an underwriter, financial advisor, or private lender or from a third party borrower, as specified, if the public body issuing bonds is a conduit financing provider, as defined.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Watch Priority: (C)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Charles Turner; Heidi Schrader</p>
<p>SB 496 Cannella (R)</p>	<p>Indemnity: Design Professionals</p> <p>Makes provisions related to liability for contractors applicable to all contracts for design professional services entered into after a specified date. Prohibits the cost to defend charged to the design professional from exceeding their proportionate percentage of fault. Requires the design professional to meet and confer with other parties regarding unpaid costs, in the event that one or more defendants is unable to pay its share of defense costs due to bankruptcy or dissolution of the business.</p> <p>EMWD's Position: Oppose Priority: (A)</p> <p>Reviewed by: Dan Howell; Joe Mouawad</p>

SB 519 **Santa Clara Valley Water District**
Beall (D) Amends an existing law which creates the Santa Clara Valley Water District and authorizes the district to provide for the conservation and management of flood, storm, and recycled waters, and other waters, for beneficial uses and to enhance natural resources in connection with carrying out the purposes of the district which act authorizes the district to prevent contamination, pollution, or otherwise rendering unfit for beneficial use the surface or subsurface water used as specified.

EMWD's Position: Neutral **Priority: (D)**
Reviewed by: Danielle Coats

SB 524 **Employment: Violations: Good Faith Defense**
Vidak (R) Relates to the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement and administrative sanctions, civil fines and penalties, and criminal penalties for violations of employment statutes or regulations. Permits a person to raise as an affirmative defense that, at the time of an alleged violation the person was acting in good faith, had sought, relied upon, and conformed with a published opinion letter or enforcement policy, and had provided true and correct information in seeking the opinion letter or enforcement policy.

EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: (C)**
Reviewed by: Denise Bowman

SB 541 **School Facilities: Water Capture Practices**
Allen (D) Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in consultation with regional water quality control boards, and the Division of the State Architect to recommend best design practices for storm water and dry weather runoff capture practices that can generally be applied to all new, reconstructed, or altered public schools, including school grounds.

EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: (C)**
Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Jayne Joy

SB 558 **Property Taxation: New Construction Exclusion: Rain**
Glazer (D) Excludes from the classification as newly constructed and new construction the construction or addition, on or after a specified date, of any rain water capture system.

EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: (C)**
Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted

SB 564 **Water Bill Savings Act**
McGuire (D) Enacts the Water Bill Savings Act. Authorizes a joint powers authority to provide funding for a customer of a local agency in specified counties or its publicly owned utility to acquire, install, or repair a water efficiency improvement on the customer's property served by the local agency or its publicly owned utility. Requires the customer to repay the authority through an efficiency charge on the customer's water bill.

EMWD's Position: Watch **Priority: (C)**
Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Danielle Coats

SB 571

Pan (D)

Public Employee Retirement Plans: Enrollment

Authorizes a public employer participating in an employee supplemental retirement savings plan to make a deduction from the wages of an employee for contributions for automatic enrollment and automatic escalation. Requires public employers to provide various investment options for employee supplemental retirement savings plans. Prohibits certain practices related to public employee retirement plans.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Denise Bowman**

SB 606

Skinner (D)

Water Management Planning

Requires an urban retail water supplier to calculate an urban water use objective and its actual urban water use by specified dates and requires a report. Imposes civil liability for a violation of an order or regulation issued pursuant to certain provisions. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to issue a regulation or information order requiring a wholesale water supplier, urban retail water supplier, or distributor of a public water supply to provide a monthly report of certain information.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

SB 615

Hueso (D)

Salton Sea Restoration

Relates to the Salton Sea Restoration Act. Specifies that any barrier in the Salton Sea, within or below a certain elevation, would not be considered a dam. Provides that the construction of facilities to separate fresh water from highly saline water for the purposes of implementing restoration activities pursuant to the Act shall not be subject to review, approval, inspection, or fees associated with certain laws relating to dams and reservoirs. Renames it the John Benoit Salton Sea Restoration Plan.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jolene Walsh**

SB 618

Bradford (D)

Load-Serving Entities: Resource Plan

Requires that the integrated resource plan filed by load-serving entity contribute to a diverse and balanced portfolio of resources to ensure reliable electricity supply that provides optimal integration of renewable energy resources in a cost-effective manner, meets specified emissions reduction targets for greenhouse gases, and prevents cost shifting among load-serving entities.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

SB 623

Monning (D)

Water Quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund

Establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the state board. requires the State Board to expend moneys in the fund for grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist eligible applicants with projects relating to safe and affordable drinking water.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 633

Portantino (D)

Water Quality Objectives: Stormwater

Requires a regional water quality control board preparing a water quality control plan for certain regions to consider opportunities to convey stormwater to a regional site within the watershed in which the stormwater originated for capture and infiltration and to consider the opportunity for stormwater capture when determining past and probable future beneficial uses of water.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

SB 634

Wilk (R)

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Repeals the Castaic Lake Water Agency Law. Recognizes the Newhall County Water District and the Castaic Lake Water Agency into the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency which prohibits the Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Newhall County Water District from operating as separate entities or exercising independent functions.

EMWD's Position: Neutral**Priority: (D)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 657

Bates (R)

California Public Records Act: Reverse Public Records

Relates to the California Public Records Act. Requires a court in a reverse public records action to apply the provisions of the California Public Records Act as if the action had been initiated by a person requesting disclosure of a public record. Requires the requestor to be names as a real party of interest in a reverse public records action.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Steve O'Neill**

SB 659

Stern (D)

Alternative Energy Financing

Relates to the Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority Act. Relates to financial assistance in the form of a sales and use tax exclusion with the purpose of promoting California-based manufacturing, California-based jobs, advanced manufacturing, the reduction of greenhouse gases, or the reduction in air and water pollution or energy consumption.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 667

Atkins (D)

Riverine and Riparian Stewardship

Requires the Department of Water Resources to establish a program to implement watershed-based riverine and riparian stewardship improvements by providing technical and financial assistance in support of projects with certain benefits. Requires the program to support the purposes of and be coordinated with the Urban Stream Restoration Program, fish passage improvements, and other similar programs.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jolene Walsh**

SB 669

Moorlach (R)

Sustainable Groundwater Management

Makes nonsubstantive changes to provisions that the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act does not apply to an adjudicated groundwater basin or to a local agency that conforms to the requirements of an adjudication of water rights for an adjudicated groundwater basin.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: John Daverin**

SB 701

Hueso (D)

Salton Sea Obligations Act of 2018

Enact the Salton Sea Obligations Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of the specified sum to finance a program to comply with specified state obligations relating to the Salton Sea.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jolene Walsh**

SB 704

Galgiani (D)

Division of Boating and Waterways

Requires that the Division of Boating and Waterways collaborate with the California Conservation Corps and use members of the corps in implementing its invasive aquatic plants control programs.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 740

Wiener (D)

Onsite Treated Water

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt regulations for a comprehensive risk-based standards for local jurisdictions permitting programs for onsite recycling of water in multifamily residential, commercial, and mixed-use buildings for nonpotable use. Requires the regulations to address specified issues and practices relating to the management, monitoring, and treatment of recycled water for nonpotable use.

EMWD's Position: Concerns**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jayne Joy; Jeff Wall**

SB 771

de León (D)

California Environmental Quality Act

Relates to The California Environmental Quality Act. Establishes a continuing education requirement for employees of public agencies who have primary responsibility to administer the act.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats; Jayne Joy; Kelley Gage**

SB 778

Hertzberg (D)

Safe Drinking Water Fund

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to track and publish on its Internet Web site an analysis of all voluntary and ordered consolidations of water systems that have occurred on or after a certain date. Requires the published information to include the resulting outcomes of the consolidations and whether the consolidations have succeeded or failed in providing an adequate supply of safe drinking water to the communities served by the consolidated water systems.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Danielle Coats; Jayne Joy**

SB 780

Wiener (D)

Water Conservation in Landscaping Act

Requires the Department of Water Resources to establish guidelines for designing landscapes consistent with the watershed approach to landscaping. Requires funding to provide preference for projects that comply with the guidelines. Requires the Department to promote this approach by providing education, and training for persons who plan, develop, or implement landscaping projects. Authorizes the promotion of application of compost to assist with projects that follow these guidelines.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

SB 804

Morrell (R)

Public Records

Relates to the California Public Records Act. States the intent of the Legislature to amend a certain bill to include provisions that would require the exploration and promotion of efficiencies and modernization in the storage of, and public access to, local government documents and recordings.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SCA 4

Hertzberg (D)

Water Conservation

Declares the intent of the Legislature to amend the California Constitution to provide a program that would ensure that affordable water is available to all Californians and to ensure that water conservation is given a permanent role in California's future.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SCA 8

Moorlach (R)

Public Employee Retirement Benefits

Permits a government employer to reduce retirement benefits that are based on work not yet performed by an employee regardless of the date that the employee was first hired, notwithstanding other provisions of the constitution. Prohibits it from being interpreted to permit the reduction of benefits that a public employee has earned based on work that has been performed, as specified. Defines government employer and retirement benefits for these purposes.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SCA 9

Glazer (D)

Property Tax: New Construction Exclusion: Rain Water

Authorizes the Legislature to exclude from classification as newly constructed the construction or addition, completed on or after a specified date, of any rain water capture system.

EMWD's Position: Concerns**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SCA 10

Moorlach (R)

Public Employee Retirement Benefits

Prohibits a government employer from providing public employees any retirement benefit increase until it is approved by a vote of the electorate of the applicable jurisdiction and that vote is certified. Defines retirement benefit to mean any postemployment benefit and a benefit increase as any change that increases the value of an employee's retirement benefit. Defines government employer to include the state and its subdivisions, cities, counties, school districts special districts and universities.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

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AB 166

Salas (D)

Safe Drinking Water: Household Filtration Systems

Gutted and Amended to Building Homes and Jobs Act: Recording Fee

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to conduct a study on the feasibility and financial stability of a rebate program that would provide a household that is served by a water system that does not meet primary drinking water standards with a rebate for the purchase of a household water filtration system.

EMWD's Position: Watch

Priority: (C)

Reviewed by: Jayne Joy

AB 366

Obernolte (R)

Water Supply: New Residential Development: Permits

Gutted and Amended to Civil Actions: Fee Recovery

Amends existing law which prohibits a city or a county from issuing a building permit for a new residential development where a source of the water supply is water transported by a water hauler, bottled water, or a retail water facility. Exempts from the prohibition a development where the source of water supply is not significant and a development of one detached single-family dwelling unit on certain parcels if the water will be obtained from a legal source and delivered by a licensed water hauler.

EMWD's Position: Watch

Priority: (C)

Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted; Danielle Coats

AB 472

Frazier (D)

Water Transfers: Idled Agricultural Land: Wildlife

Gutted and Amended to Employer Liability: Small and Micro Business

Requires the Department of Water Resources to allow nonirrigated cover crops or natural vegetation to remain on idled agricultural lands without penalty to the landowner, unless it is determined that it causes injury to another legal user of water. Requires the Department to establish an incentive program for landowners who cultivate or retain nonirrigated cover crops or natural vegetation on idled agricultural lands to provide waterfowl, upland game bird, and other wildlife habitat.

EMWD's Position: Concerns

Priority: (B)

Reviewed by: Steve O'Neill

AB 1041

Levine (D)

Urban Water Suppliers: Urban Water Shortage

Gutted and Amended to Transportation Funding: Transportation Improvement Fee

Requires an estimate of the minimum water supply available during each of the following 5 years to be based on the driest 5-year historic sequence for the agency's water supply. Requires stages of action to be undertaken by the urban water supplier in response to specified percentage reductions in water supply.

EMWD's Position: Watch

Priority: (C)

Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted

AB 1271

Gallagher (R)

Urban Water Management Plans*Gutted and Amended to Dams and Reservoirs*

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law which requires an urban water supplier to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan for submission to the Department of Water Resources. Requires that the plan provide an urban water shortage contingency analysis.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 1273

Gallagher (R)

Urban Water Management Plans*Gutted and Amended to Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Levee Repairs*

Makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law, the Urban Water Management Planning Act which requires every public and private urban water supplier that directly or indirectly provides water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt an urban water management plan.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Beth Lovsted**

AB 1487

Rodriguez (D)

Public Employees Retirement System*Gutted and Amended to PERL: System: Limited Term Appointments*

Amends the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL). Prohibits an out-of-class appointment by a contracting agency or school employer from exceeding a specified number of hours each fiscal year. Defines out-of-class appointment to mean an appointment to an upgraded position or higher classification by the governing body to a vacant position for a limited duration. Specifies that compensation for a limited duration position under these circumstances would be pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 62

Jackson (D)

Unlawful Employment: Family and Medical Leave*Gutted and Amended to Affordable Senior Housing Act*

Amends the Moore-Brown-Roberti Family Rights Act. Makes various changes to definitions, thereby expanding the persons and purposes for which leave is required to be provided under the act. Redefines the term "child" to include a biological, adopted, or foster son or daughter, a stepchild, a legal ward, a son or daughter of a domestic partner, or a person to whom the employee stands in loco parentis. Expands the definition of leave to also include leave to care for a grandparent or grandchild, sibling, or/.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Denise Bowman**

SB 193

Cannella (R)

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies*Gutted and Amended to Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lake Nacimiento*

Makes nonsubstantive changes to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources that are designated as basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: John Daverin**

SB 224

Jackson (D)

Environmental Quality Act: Baseline Conditions*Gutted and Amended to Personal Rights: Sexual Harassment*

Relates to the California Environmental Quality Act. Prohibits a lead agency, in determining the baseline physical conditions by which a lead agency determines whether a project has a significant effect on the environment, from considering the effects of certain actions on the environment.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Kelley Gage; Steve O'Neill**

SB 589

Hernandez (D)

Water Rights: Appropriation: Small Domestic Use*Gutted and Amended to Financial Capability Analysis: Pilot Project*

Makes nonsubstantive changes to the Water Rights Permitting Reform Act of 1988, which authorizes any person to obtain a right to appropriate water for a small domestic, small irrigation, or livestock stockpond use, upon registering the use with the State Water Resources Control Board.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

VETOED LEGISLATION

AB 36

Nazarian (D)

Eligible Fuel Cell Electrical Generating Facilities

Amends existing law related to a standard tariff for energy metering. Changes eligible fuel cell electrical generating facility to eligible electrical generating facility and would additionally make eligible a facility that electromechanically converts fuel to electricity for purposes of the energy metering program.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jeff Wall; Dan Howell**

AB 79

Levine (D)

Electrical Generation: Hourly Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Requires the State Air Resources Board to update its inputs or methodology for the calculation of emissions of greenhouse gases associated with electricity from unspecified sources, purchases within certain areas, and for electricity imported into the State from certain regions. Requires the Public Utilities Commission and the Energy Commission to incorporate the methodology into programs addressing the disclosure of the emissions of greenhouse gases and the procurement of electricity by certain entities.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Dan Howell**

AB 247

Garcia (D)

Public Health: Childhood Lead Poisoning: Task Force

Requires the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to convene a Lead Advisory Task Force to review and advise regarding policies and procedures to reduce childhood lead poisoning in the state. Requires the Task Force to publish on the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Internet Web site a recommended regulatory agenda that would identify sources of lead and ensure that regulatory standards are protective of health in the state.

EMWD's Position: Support if amended**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy**

AB 313

Gray (D)

Water

Establishes a Water Rights Division within the Office of Administrative Hearings. Provides for hearing requirements. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to issue a complaint seeking an order requiring a person to cease and desist from diverting or using water.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; John Daverin; Kelley Gage**

AB 531

Irwin (D)

Office of Information Security: Security Technologies

Requires the Office of Information Security to review information security technologies in place in state agencies, on or before a specified date, to determine if there are sufficient policies in place to protect critical government information and to prevent the compromise or unauthorized disclosure of sensitive digital content inside or outside the firewall of state agencies.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Mike Malone**

AB 570**Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability**

Gonzalez (D)

Prohibits permanent disability apportionment, in the case of a physical injury occurring on or after a specified date, from being based on pregnancy, childbirth, or other medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Doug Hefley**

AB 639**Department of General Services: Contracts**

Obernalte (R)

Requires the Department of General Services to develop procedures authorizing the submittal of electronic signatures and documents by all parties on contracts that are covered by the State Contracting Manual.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Bonnie Wright**

AB 890**Land Use: Planning and Zoning: Initiatives**

Medina (D)

Requires that the city council of a city or the board of supervisors of a county have exclusive authority to adopt or amend a document that converts any discretionary land use approval necessary for a project to ministerial approval or to modify other land use or zoning designations. Prohibits a specified type of development agreement from being approved or amended by an ordinance adopted through the initiative process.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Kelley Gage**

AB 1306**California Cybersecurity Integration Center**

Obernalte (R)

Establishes the California Cybersecurity Integration Center within the Office of Emergency Services to develop a statewide cybersecurity strategy for the state in coordination with the Cybersecurity Task Force. Requires that the Department of Technology be included in the cyber attack response portion of the State Emergency Plan. Authorizes the Governor to suspend CalCSIC operations if federal funding is unavailable. Prohibits disclosure of information obtained from private sector companies.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Mike Malone**

SB 51**Environmental Sciences and Climate Change: Data**

Jackson (D)

Amends the California Whistleblower Protection Act. Prohibits licensing entities from taking disciplinary actions, including suspension, loss of credential, registration, or other professional privilege, against a public employee to include those persons working in the environmental sciences and climate-change-related fields who are conducting scientific or technical research. Ensures that all scientific information and other data in the public domain is protected against censorship or destruction.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Danielle Coats**

SB 80

Wieckowski (D)

California Environmental Quality Act: Notices

Amends the California Environmental Quality Act. Requires a lead agency to post certain notices on the agency's Internet Web site and to offer to provide those notices by e-mail. Requires a county clerk to post notices regarding an environmental impact report or a negative declaration on the county's Internet Web site. Requires the filing of a notice in certain cases.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: Jayne Joy; Kelley Gage**

SB 506

Nielsen (R)

Department of Fish and Wildlife: Lake or Streambed

Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to periodically upgrade the information on its Internet Web site regarding lake or streambed alteration agreements, to update its "Frequently Asked Questions" document and other appropriate sources of information regarding the lake and streambed alteration program, and to provide guidance on its Internet Web site to facilitate members of the public in obtaining individualized guidance regarding the lake and streambed alteration program.

EMWD's Position: Watch**Priority: (C)****Reviewed by: John Daverin**

SB 513

Bradford (D)

Assault and Battery of a Public Utility Worker

Makes assault or battery of a utility worker engaged in the performance of his or her duties, and the person committing the offense knows or reasonably should know that the victim is a utility worker engaged in the performance of the service, punishable by specified penalties.

EMWD's Position: Support**Priority: (B)****Reviewed by: Doug Hefley; Susan Barnes**

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POLICY PRINCIPLES

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POLICY PRINCIPLES

Introduction

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) has adopted a strategic objective to “Conduct a highly productive and effective federal, state and local advocacy representation program to effectively influence legislation, regulation and outside funding in a manner that benefits EMWD and consistently demonstrates industry leadership.” To achieve this goal, the Public and Governmental Affairs Department builds and maintains relationships with legislative leaders, their staff, and other opinion leaders, and involves all appropriate EMWD disciplines to formulate positions on legislative and policy issues.

EMWD monitors and, where appropriate, seeks to influence federal and state legislation to provide EMWD’s ratepayers safe and reliable potable and recycled water supply and wastewater services in an economical manner. Guided by the Legislative Policy Principles adopted by EMWD’s Board of Directors and the professional opinion of EMWD’s staff, the Legislative Affairs Team communicates EMWD’s position and takes action on pertinent legislative issues.

The EMWD Legislative Policy Principles represent those areas of public policy in which the Board of Directors has adopted an EMWD position. These principles are consistent with EMWD’s mission statement, values and beliefs and are developed with careful consideration of EMWD’s strategic plan. Furthermore, the EMWD Legislative Policy Principles are dynamic in nature. As new legislative issues affecting the potable and recycled water and wastewater industries arise, EMWD will respond accordingly and update its Policy Principles.

During the review, analysis, and development of each Legislative Policy Principle, EMWD involves all appropriate EMWD disciplines and also takes into consideration the broader policy objectives of related associations to foster a synchronized advocacy effort. The final process for policy principle development includes formulating the principles with input of EMWD specialists in the various policy fields; analyzing and editing the principles in the Legislative Review Committee, examining and critiquing the policy in the appropriate Board Committee, and finally, the Board of Directors adopt the principles.

These Legislative Policy Principles reflect the proactive steps that EMWD takes in providing potable and recycled water supply and wastewater services in an economical, efficient, and responsible manner. With this proactive approach to legislation, EMWD continually enhances its partnership with the community and quality of service to its customers.

Water Recycling

EMWD Policy: EMWD seeks to develop and implement strategies to achieve the highest beneficial use of recycled water to maximize the District's water supply reliability and sustainability.

This policy principle supports EMWD's Strategic Objectives addressing Recycling; and, Water Supply Diversity and Reliability: "Implement on-going treatment, storage, and distribution system projects and programs to utilize 100 percent of treated effluent for the highest beneficial use possible."; and, "Develop and implement a portfolio of projects and management techniques to achieve a reliable and cost-effective balance of water supplies utilizing imported, local, and recycled water sources."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Recognizes that recycled water is a beneficial resource and should be permitted and managed as such.
2. Increases public education and awareness of water recycling, its benefits and safety.
3. Advances recycled water-marketing efforts.
4. Provides grants or cost-share funds for recycled water demonstration and permanent projects and the treatment needed for use of recycled water in certain applications (e.g. construction, industrial uses, or specialty manufacturing, etc.).
5. Provides assistance and training for design, construction, and operation of recycled water systems.
6. Expands the ability to advance recycled water application, when readily available, in a safe and cost effective manner.
7. Develops new financing for water recycling consistent with the following objectives:
 - a. Increased water recycling and recycled water quality in California and the Colorado River Basin.
 - b. Research leading to advances in science and technology, health effects assessments, and facility, regional, and watershed planning.
 - c. Streamlining administrative procedures for state low interest-rate loans and federal grants for projects and research.
8. Encourages voluntary cooperation and partnership among involved agencies to foster strategies for recycled water project implementation.
9. Supports continuous review, appropriate revision and streamlining of water recycling regulations and administration consistent with experience gained in operations, public health and environmental protection.
10. Advances development, permitting and implementation of direct and indirect potable reuse (reservoir augmentation and groundwater recharge) while ensuring water quality that protects public health.
11. Provides for recreational use of recycled water in a manner that protects public health and safety, and acknowledges local agency policies.
12. Acknowledges salinity management as a strategy to improve the sustainability and reliability of recycled water resources.
13. Promotes recycled water as a sustainable and efficient water supply during drought conditions.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Minimizes the distinction between graywater, on-site recycled water, and recycled water supplies.
 - a. Advances the inclusion of source water supplies that have not been scientifically studied, monitored, and regulated.
2. Inhibits the safe application of recycled water.
3. Continues to define recycled water as a waste.
4. Restricts the use of recycled water during a water shortage or emergency drought conditions.

ADOPTED BY EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON DECEMBER 15, 2004 AND UPDATED ON JANUARY 20, 2017.

Biosolids

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to practice and support efforts to encourage sustainable, cost effective, responsible and environmentally sound management of biosolids as an integral component of its wastewater treatment program.

This policy principle supports EMWD's Strategic Plan Objective addressing Biosolids Management: "Implement cost-effective projects and programs to manage biosolids and achieve long-term disposal independence through environmentally sustainable reuse."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Promotes the utilization of biosolids for land application, providing that it is applied in a responsible manner.
2. Provides appropriate funding mechanisms, including grants and low-interest loans to treat, use, and/or recycle biosolids.
3. Provides financial incentive for research and development of new and/or improved methods and technologies for biosolids management.
4. Encourages efforts to promote biosolids as an alternative, renewable fuel source (i.e. biofuel conversions).
5. Increases EMWD's local management options, self-sufficiency and independence in managing biosolids.
6. Protects the public health and groundwater supply by providing increased funding and research for comprehensive management techniques.
7. Creates a market for advanced technologies by promoting the use of innovative products derived from biosolids, including biosolids pellets.
8. Fosters cooperation among governmental agencies, regulators, private corporations, and the agriculture community related to biosolids use and management.
9. Promotes cost effective management of biosolids.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Unreasonably restricts local and regional biosolids management including land application.
2. Increases the financial burden of managing biosolids without demonstrated equivalent environmental and/or public health benefit related thereto.
3. Duplicates existing programs and requirements.
4. Causes an unfounded negative public perception of biosolids and biosolid producers.
5. Requires unreasonable treatment of biosolids for specific applications, without adequate scientific justification.
6. Limits the transportation and land application of biosolids between counties or states.

ADOPTED BY EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON FEBRUARY 20, 2008 AND UPDATED ON JANUARY 20, 2017.

Groundwater/Sustainable Groundwater Management

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to maximize the use of groundwater while protecting groundwater quality and sustainability and enhancing the basin yield in an environmentally and economically responsible manner in collaboration with local groundwater users.

This policy principle supports EMWD's Strategic Plan Objective addressing Supply Diversity and Reliability: "Develop and implement a portfolio of projects and management techniques to achieve a reliable and cost-effective balance of water supplies utilizing imported, local, and recycled water sources."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Provides appropriate funding mechanisms, including grants and low-interest loans for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance, and development of groundwater projects, including groundwater cleanup to preserve the integrity of groundwater resources, and to advance plans on water available for recharge to protect communities from water shortages.
2. Recognizes the impacts of climate change on groundwater supplies and furthers local development opportunities to address potential impacts.
3. Acknowledges salinity management as a strategy to improve the sustainability and reliability of local water resources.
4. Improves groundwater monitoring programs and technology (i.e. Geographic Information Systems) for resource development and groundwater management purposes and assists water districts to collect and manage local groundwater data required under SGMA.
5. Provides oversight and monitoring of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations that are protective of groundwater and surface water resources.
6. Provides additional tools and funding opportunities to foster cooperation and partnerships with local groundwater producers and other community stakeholders.
7. Enhances local water supply reliability to reduce dependence on imported water.
8. Provides protection for groundwater recharge areas.
9. Provides local stakeholders flexibility to protect water rights.
10. Promotes integrity of groundwater basins, including long-term overdraft protection.
11. Facilitates transfers and exchanges of groundwater supplies with appropriate safeguards.
12. Encourages storage of imported water through conjunctive use programs.
13. Protects groundwater quality and enhances groundwater cleanup and recovery for beneficial use, including strategies to mitigate and prevent contamination.
14. Promotes agricultural and irrigational use of recycled water and/or other suitable non-potable water in-lieu of groundwater.
15. Requires those who cause or contribute to pollution of a groundwater basin to make restitution for damage caused.
16. Promote recycled water use and recharge in groundwater basins while ensuring water quality that protects public health.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Restrains local stakeholder flexibility in the use of groundwater resources.
2. Imposes new water quality regulations or control actions that are not based on thorough consideration of scientific and technical evidence.
3. Does not provide demonstrated operational, environmental, or public health benefits.
4. Does not allow reasonable schedules for development, implementation, and compliance of new laws and regulations.
5. Duplicates existing program, requirements, and mandates.

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Desalination

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to utilize desalination for salinity management, to protect local groundwater quality and include desalted brackish water as an element of EMWD’s balanced water supply portfolio to achieve long-term water supply reliability.

This policy principle supports EMWD’s Strategic Plan Objective addressing Salinity Management: “Achieve salinity balance through cost effective supply management, source control, desalination, and optimization of brine management to maximize recycled water use and improve the water quality of local resources.”

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Acknowledges salinity management as a strategy to improve sustainability and reliability of groundwater production, and use of recycled water.
2. Acknowledges and promotes salinity management as a tool for economic development and recognizes that desalination can play a major role in meeting California’s future water needs.
3. Improves communication, cooperation, and consistency in the desalination permitting processes.
4. Provides grants, low interest loans and/or other funding for desalination research and development and implementation projects.
5. Recognizes the significance of energy costs for desalination and provides for strategies that optimize energy cost savings.
6. Promotes and incentivizes the development of renewable energy alternatives in conjunction with desalination facilities.
7. Creates a statewide desalination information database and data sharing opportunities (i.e. operational data, water quality data and research).
8. Provides funding for brine management projects, including for alternative disposal methods, and recognizes that brine disposal is a major cost for implementation of inland brackish groundwater desalination.
9. Fosters partnerships with universities, state and federal agencies, and other institutions for the development of improved desalination and brine disposal and minimization technologies.
10. Encourages desalination stakeholder work groups and outreach programs.
11. Promotes water use efficiency and reuse through desalination of recycled water for direct and/or indirect reuse.
12. Encourages technology transfers among groups, agencies including state and federal government entities that have specialized expertise with new or emerging desalination technologies.
13. Encourages regional collaboration within watersheds to manage salt impacts to surface and groundwaters.
14. Advances opportunities to increase and fund production and application of desalination. Promotes desalination as a drought resilient, hydrologically independent sustainable supply.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Unreasonably restricts EMWD's flexibility and authority to make decisions regarding desalination operation.
2. Imposes new water quality and related desalination regulations or control actions that are not based on thorough consideration of scientific and technical evidence.
3. Does not allow reasonable schedules for development, implementation, and compliance of new laws and regulations.
4. Duplicates existing programs and requirements.
5. Restricts the use of desalinated water during a water shortage or emergency drought conditions.

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Water Use Efficiency/ Conservation

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to promote efficient use of water in order to provide the most reliable supply at a reasonable cost.

This policy principle supports EMWD's Strategic Plan Objective addressing Water Use Efficiency: "Promote efficient use of water resources through the implementation of industry-leading programs and practices combined with customer education and awareness."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Encourages the expanded and efficient use of recycled water recognizing that recycled water is a drought resistant supply.
2. Encourages planning and land-use agencies to require water efficient landscape in new development.
3. Implements cost-effective new-product water efficiency standards.
4. Creates or expands appropriate educational and informational programs to encourage conservation among water users (including the integration of water-use efficiency in state and federal energy-efficiency public outreach).
5. State water usage , emergency drought regulations, and advanced conservation mandates:
 - a. Establishes and protects local control and local water management strategies to ensure lasting water supply reliability;
 - b. Discourages the implementation of mandatory conservation practices, but when implemented the state's policy should enable flexibility and preserve local control in achieving statewide urban conservation goals and any additional conservation mandates; and
 - c. Provides resources and funding to advance tools, including retrofit and landscape conversion programs for residential and commercial water use efficiency.
6. Encourages water use efficiency and use of recycled water during hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations.
7. Supports local efforts to increase on-site water retention and reduce runoff.
8. Implements and/or enforces local ordinances governing:
 - a. Water waste.
 - b. Implementation of/and funding for the retrofit of indoor and outdoor systems to water efficient models upon the resale of real property.
 - c. Statewide installation and reading of water meters and customer billing based on recorded usage.
 - d. Water efficient landscaping.
9. Increases landscaping water-use efficiency by:
 - a. Urging landscape irrigation device manufacturers to develop and market more efficient equipment.
 - b. Encourages retailers to market and carry a broad array of water efficient devices, plants, and equipment.
 - c. Promoting guidelines for architects to design more efficient landscapes and/or irrigation systems.

- d. Funding education/training on properly operating water-efficient irrigation systems and installing and maintaining water-efficient landscape.
 - e. Limiting the use of turf and/or encouraging the application of native/water efficient plant life installed in yards.
 - f. Promoting the concept of “water budgeting” and the application of budget based tiered rate structures.
10. Increases agricultural water-use efficiency by:
- a. Supporting studies and actions to improve agricultural water-use efficiency.
 - b. Supporting development of irrigation timing strategies to reduce peak demand on water supply systems.
 - c. Supporting implementation of water-use audits for agricultural irrigation.
11. Promotes Commercial, Institutional and Industrial (CII) programs such as:
- a. Providing grants for water survey programs.
 - b. Establishing or expanding appropriate rebate programs, such as replacing excessive water consuming appliances and fixtures.
 - c. Evaluating new technologies and their implementation via new programs.
 - d. Offering incentives for the construction of water efficient buildings and communities.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Establishes water providers as land-use decision-makers, rather than city and county government, or the State, as it relates to development, land-use, and enforcement of long range planning objectives.
2. Seeks to reform the Water Supply Assessment process in a manner that reduces a water provider’s flexibility to manage and allocate water supplies.
3. Impedes or eliminates a local government or public agency’s ability to adopt an ordinance to regulate the installation of graywater or on-site recycled water systems that are more stringent or restrictive than current law.
4. State Water Usage and Emergency Drought Regulations:
 - a. Establishes additional drought management objectives and conservation mandates that fail to adequately consider local conditions including climate, water supply conditions, growth and investments in new water supplies;
 - b. Interjects or positions the Administration or state agencies into a role where they require the development of local or regional water budgets; and
 - c. Establishes water providers in roles as land-use decision-makers as it relates to development, land-use, and enforcement of long range planning objectives.

ADOPTED BY EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON DECEMBER 15, 2004 AND UPDATED ON JANUARY 20, 2017.

Bay Delta/State Water Project

EMWD Policy: Implement the co-equal goals of water supply reliability and environmental sustainability in the Delta to ensure the delivery of adequate and reliable supplies of water to all Californians, while water districts simultaneously develop long lasting and robust local water supply portfolios.

This policy principle supports EMWD's Strategic Plan Objectives addressing Water Supply Diversity and Reliability; and, Water Supply and Redundancy: "Develop and implement a portfolio of projects and management techniques to achieve a reliable and cost-effective balance of water supplies utilizing imported, local, and recycled water sources."; and, "Develop adaptable buffer supplies, water storage, and delivery system improvements to manage uncertain supply delivery conditions and emergency outages."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Ensures that all beneficiaries of the Delta pay their fair share towards environmental restoration, flood management, and water quality.
2. Recognizes all beneficiaries of the Delta including water exporters, recreational, and environmental interests.
3. Requires that all stressors on the Delta be considered and addressed in a manner that is fair and equitable.
4. Identifies that entities that contribute to adverse environmental impacts should pay proportionally for mitigating those impacts.
5. Enables the timely implementation and funding for the completion of critical studies necessary to establish a comprehensive and long term fix in the Delta.
6. Would establish state and federal funding opportunities to complete the environmental studies, planning, mitigation projects and construction of vital restoration projects.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Does not consider the full scope of the co-equal goals in terms of identification of a long term solution in the Delta.
2. Seeks to overturn or prohibit implementation of the 2009 Comprehensive Water Package.
3. Delays the adoption and/or implementation of the California WaterFix, California EcoRestore, or the Delta Plan.
4. Establishes inequitable cost-sharing for those stakeholders responsible for program and project costs.

ADOPTED BY EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JANUARY 22, 2014 AND UPDATED ON JANUARY 20, 2017.

Integrated Regional Water Management Plans

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to utilize the State’s Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP) process to maximize water use efficiency as well as the quality and quantity of water available to meet the State’s domestic, agriculture, industrial and environmental needs.

This policy principle supports EMWD’s Strategic Plan Objectives addressing Water Use Efficiency; and, Planning: “Promote efficient use of water resources through the implementation of industry-leading programs and practices combined with customer education and awareness,” and “Conduct planning and environmental permitting activities for water, wastewater, and other relevant facilities in a timely manner that supports [EMWD’s] strategic objectives and ensures the availability of services for future growth.”

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Provides flexibility and discretion to regions throughout California to determine the governance and implementation of IRWMP.
2. Improves multi-jurisdictional, multi-benefit coordination related to the IRWMP program.
3. Uses IRWMP to support the goals and objectives of the State, as outlined in the State Water Plan Update, as well as local priorities as defined by each region.
4. Encourages a robust stakeholder process but recognizes the need to leave decision making authority with the agencies, or steering committees comprised of those agencies, that have the statutory authority to provide IRWMP related services.
5. Promotes proactive, transparent communication and partnerships.
6. Provides increased funding for IRWMP.
7. Streamlines IRWMP grant administration and minimizes the cost of utilizing IRWMP grants.
8. Defines integrated water resource planning regions as those regions that have been accepted through the California Department of Water Resources Regional Acceptance Process.
9. Requires changes to IRWMP be vetted through a stakeholder driven, publicly reviewed process.
10. Utilizes IRMWP information to improve land use decision making.
11. Employs IRWMP process to develop adaptive water management strategies that address climate change and other long term influences on water supply conditions.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Weakens the intent, purpose and process of IRWMP.
2. Hinders improved coordination among agencies related to IRWMP.

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Water Infrastructure Financing

EMWD Policy: Capital improvement projects and infrastructure financing should be accomplished in a manner that is beneficial, economical, and facilitates a means in which all beneficiaries pay for the goods and services they receive.

This policy principle supports EMWD’s Strategic Plan Goal addressing Water Supply and Reliability: “Provide a safe and reliable water supply portfolio that achieves an optimum balance of imported, local, and recycled water at a reasonable cost.”

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Establishes grants or funding opportunities for local water infrastructure projects.
2. Offers public infrastructure financing mechanisms including, but not limited to tax credit bonds, as an alternative to tax-exempt municipal bonds.
3. Establishes that for those capital improvement and infrastructure projects that provide direct, measurable benefits to water rate payers a “beneficiary pays” principle should apply; over a public goods charge, resulting in financing that is accomplished in a manner that is beneficial, economical, and provides a means in which the beneficiaries pay for the goods and services they receive.
4. Establishes that investments resulting in broad public benefits should be funded by state and federal resources and not through local resources.
5. Provides flexibility in the manner in which EMWD may finance public infrastructure projects (e.g., community facilities districts, public-private partnerships, etc.).
6. Provides flexibility in the structure, reporting, and repayment of state loans, including:
 - a. Partial prepayment options;
 - b. Subordinate lien structure;
 - c. Alternative principal repayment options (other than “level debt service”); and
 - d. Streamline application processes to reduce obstacles and facilitate access to state funds in a timely manner.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Establishes a fee or tax that does not result in clear benefit to EMWD and its customers.
2. Establishes a fee or tax without first considering alternatives for funding that may be better suited or have a more clear connection to the funding need.
3. Minimizes opportunities to fund water infrastructure through the passage of statewide or local bonds.
4. Eliminates the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

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Governance

EMWD Policy: It is the policy of EMWD to function and operate in an open and transparent way while providing superior services to the community in a safe, reliable, and cost-effective manner.

This policy principle supports EMWD's Strategic Plan Objective addressing Community Relations: "Promote and sustain timely and effective two-way communication between [EMWD] and the communities it serves and continue to be a trusted resource for the communities on all water, wastewater, and recycled water issues."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Streamlines state reporting requirements and establishes opportunities to utilize technology that could result in more timely and open communication.
2. Improves transparency of publicly-issued debt obligations.
3. Centralizes and consolidates all debt and investment reporting requirements to reduce redundancy and provide one location for the public to access information. Provide standardized implementation guidance for reporting requirements to facilitate useful access to information.
4. Establishes funding sources to host educational opportunities and awareness campaigns to promote water conservation, water quality, and water recycling expansion.
5. Encourages local governments to seek innovative means to address climate adaptation goals and advance service delivery (e.g., cost sharing, alternative energy pursuits, and technology advancements).
6. Provides funding, easily accessible data, and best practices to advance sustainability and climate adaptation strategies.
7. Recognizes that water purveyors have made significant strides in achieving sustainability and reducing GHG emissions, and that any future legislation or administrative actions should:
 - a. Account for and acknowledge past actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and advance climate resilient supplies;
 - b. Avoid the establishment of an arbitrary GHG or energy use target or baseline;
 - c. Create a clear path towards achieving sustainability objectives;
 - d. Avoids the application of a one-size-fits-all approach;
 - e. Clearly recognizes geographic, regional, and water supply variations and allows for water purveyors to address these variables in a manner that best suits the region; and
 - f. Supports and acknowledges local control.
8. Advances an approach to address climate change and sustainability that is supported by a careful economic analysis and supports economic growth.
9. Enables EMWD to recruit and retain a diverse and high quality workforce.
10. Streamlines contracting procedures, while at the same time maintains EMWD's legal and safety obligations.
11. Enables Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to obtain service and boundary related information on private and mutual water companies to ensure the delivery of clean and reliable water supplies and compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

12. Streamlines or exempts water, recycled water, and/or wastewater projects from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Provides liability protections to public water districts, and related wholesale water providers, seeking to consolidate troubled water systems that cannot consistently demonstrate that they are able to provide safe, clean and reliable water supplies to their customers.
13. Eliminates or minimizes redundant reports and studies on environmental impacts covered through subsequent state and federal regulatory efforts.
14. Secures the ability to apply tiered rates/allocation based conservation rates in a manner that is both fair to ratepayers and provides maximum flexibility and protections to the water providers.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Takes a “broad brush” approach to local government reforms that would confer unnecessary burden to all local governments in an effort to capture a small number of public trust offenders.
2. Would seek to limit local control.
3. Transfers responsibilities to local governments absent funding.
4. Jeopardizes public safety due to the disclosure of critical infrastructure information or personal employee or ratepayer data in advancing transparency measures.
5. Adds additional costs for EMWD and its ratepayers absent a clear and necessary benefit, or creates administrative reporting requirements that are duplicative or ambiguous, resulting in incremental cost to the ratepayer without providing proportional benefit.
6. Seeks to mandate financial reporting of public pension or other post-employment benefits using a risk-free rate of return as a discount rate in the measurement of actuarial liabilities.
7. Reallocates property tax revenues, and/or special district reserves, or imposes fees/fines that will impact EMWD and its operations.
8. Reduces or eliminates a local government’s ability to establish price and parameters for cost-sharing activities.
9. Reduces or eliminates the state’s obligation to compensate local governments on reimbursable mandate related activities.
10. Arbitrarily forces or restricts consolidations of special districts.
11. Implements redundant and costly compliance measures.
12. Results in additional challenges to CEQA compliance or could result in opportunities for additional delays or legal challenges to projects
13. Seeks to implement a carbon tax or other fee based program to advance climate change initiatives without advanced economic analysis.

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Renewable Energy/Energy Management

EMWD Policy: It is EMWD's policy to seek opportunities to expand energy conservation and renewable energy production efforts in a cost effective manner that will improve operational efficiency, reduce operating expenses, and maximize existing available resources in an effort to achieve state and local regulatory compliance and reduce energy costs for EMWD.

This policy principle supports EMWD's Strategic Plan Objective addressing Energy Independence: "Plan and cost-effectively implement local renewable energy projects with sufficient generation to meet [EMWD's] entire net energy demands while minimizing [EMWD's] carbon footprint."

EMWD and its Board of Directors support legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Provides incentives and funding opportunities for voluntary and regulatory compliance actions to expand renewable energy resources.
2. That enables EMWD to maximize available energy resources that includes, but is not limited to, solar energy, biodiesel, digester gas, and bio-methane.
3. Facilitates interconnection and capacity availability to gas pipeline and electricity transmission lines.
4. Enables EMWD to access funding opportunities that will enable EMWD to pursue expansion/ development of energy efficiency/ renewable energy projects.
5. Facilitates opportunities where revenues generated from the implementation of market based compliance measures under AB 32 (Pavley) Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 and SB 32 (Pavley) Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Emissions Limits that would be allocated to special districts and/or the water community for the development of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects/programs, as well as energy saving water use efficiency programs and development of alternative water supplies with lower embedded energy.
6. Requires or encourages electrical corporations to procure electrical generating capacity from small-scale biomass and biogas projects.
7. Establishes similar efforts to level the playing field between large biogas producers and smaller generators, especially in light of the initial investment costs for small-scale projects.
8. Provides flexibility to utilize available energy storage technologies to maximize use of renewable energy sources.

EMWD and its Board of Directors oppose legislation/administrative actions that:

1. Penalizes water districts for early adoption of energy efficiency and cost saving actions.
2. Requires EMWD to invest in technology that would generate excessive costs for EMWD and its ratepayers and/ or is unproven/unreliable.
3. Infringes on water/sewage districts ability to manage the production of biomethane through flaring or other means until technological solutions to treat and use biogas are available and cost effective.
4. Enacts changes to existing renewable energy project net energy metering contracts or utility incentive agreements mid-contract.

5. Requires energy efficiency to take precedence over EMWD's ability to develop and manage reliable and sustainable water supplies to meet the needs of its ratepayers.

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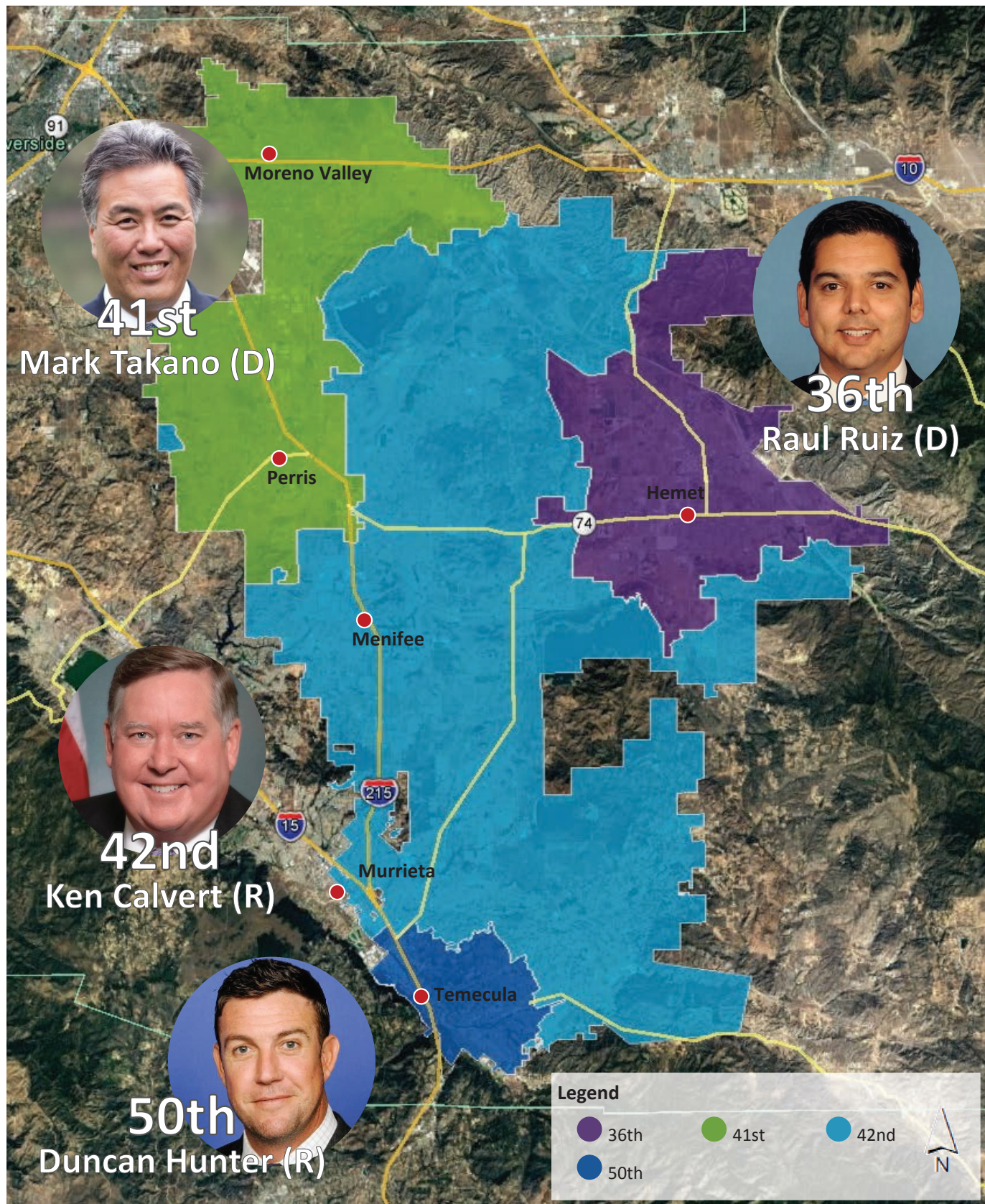
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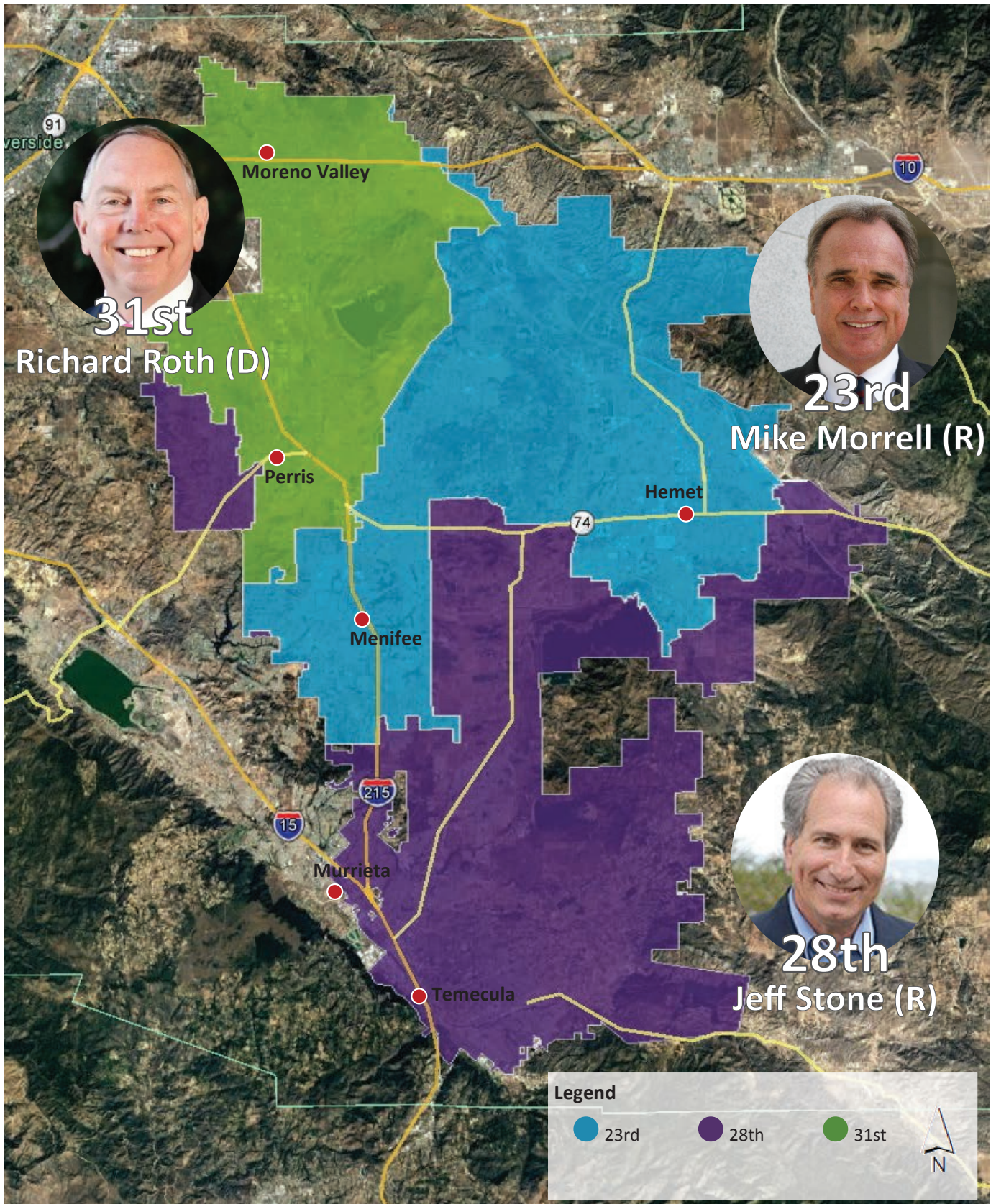
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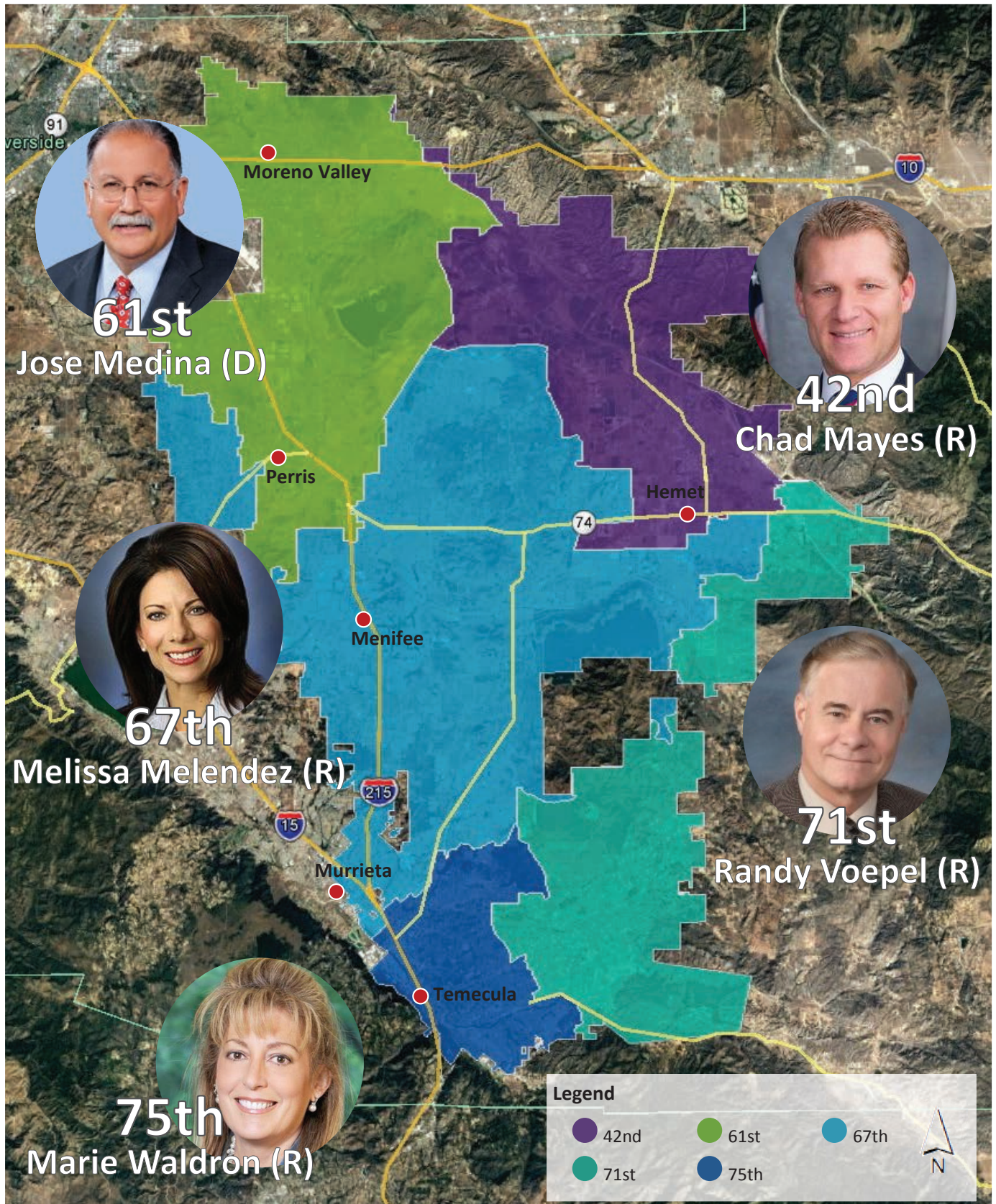
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Glossary of Terms

AB

State Assembly Bill

ACA

Assembly (authored) Constitutional Amendment: A proposed change in the state Constitution, which, after approval of two-thirds of the legislators, is submitted to the voters

ACR

Assembly Concurrent Resolution: A measure that can be introduced in either house but must be approved by both houses and filed with the Secretary of State to take effect. These measures usually involve the business of the Legislature

AJR

Assembly Joint Resolution: A legislative opinion on matters pertaining to the federal government, often urging passage or defeat of legislation pending before Congress

Chaptered

When a bill has been passed by the Legislature and enacted into law, the Secretary of State assigns the bill a “chapter number” which is subsequently used to refer to the measure in place of the bill number

(D)

Democratic Party Affiliated

Failed

A bill that does not pass the Legislature

Gutted and Amended

When amendments to a bill remove the current contents in their entirety and replace them with different provisions

HR

Bill originating in the House of Representatives

(I)

Independent

LAT

Legislative Action Team (EMWD)

Measure

A bill, resolution or constitutional amendment considered by the Legislature

(R)

Republican Party Affiliated

S

A bill originating in the United States Senate

SB

State Senate Bill

SCA

Senate (authored) Constitutional Amendment (see ACA)

SCR

Senate Concurrent Resolution (see ACR)

SJR

Senate Joint Resolution (see AJR)

SR

Senate Resolution

Two-Year Bill

A bill that does not pass the Legislature in the first year of the two-year session, can be considered in the second year

Veto

The Governor’s formal rejection of a measure passed by the Legislature

Legislative Bill Positions

Position

Position Definition and Action

Sponsor
Priority: A

The legislation is initiated by EMWD. District staff/counsel drafts the bill, requests ACWA, CASA, or another organization to co-sponsor the bill, and then finds a member of the Legislature to introduce the bill. Staff works to advance the measure through the legislative process by writing letters and contacting legislators and the Governor's office; negotiates with stakeholders to address concerns and solicits support. Attends committee hearings to provide testimony and technical information.

Support
Priority: A

The legislation furthers the goals of the District and is consistent with its Strategic Plan. District staff notifies the author and sponsor of the bill, in writing, that the District supports the measure, then sends support letters, and contacts other members of the Legislature and committee consultants to solicit support. Monitors progress of the bill, watches for amendments that may change the District's position. Works with coalitions or organizations such as ACWA, CASA, CSDA, MWD, and SAWPA to encourage the bill's passage.

Support if Amended
Priority: A

Generally positive legislation, however if amendments were made the District could support it. District staff works with the author and sponsor of the bill, and organizations such as ACWA, CASA, CSDA, MWD, and SAWPA to incorporate amendments that will align the bill to the District's mission and goals. Monitors the bill for amendments that may change the District's position.

Oppose
Priority: A

The legislation will have a detrimental effect on the District and its constituents. District staff notifies the bill's author and sponsor, members of the Legislature, committee consultants, and the Governor's office of District concerns and requests opposition. Staff works with coalitions and/or organizations such as ACWA, CASA, CSDA, MWD, and SAWPA to kill the bill. Testifies at hearings against the bill and continues to monitor and urge opposition.

Oppose Unless Amended
Priority: A

Generally negative legislation; however with specific amendments the District may remove its opposition. District staff works with the bill's author and sponsor, and organizations such as ACWA, CASA, CSDA, MWD, and SAWPA to amend the bill so the District is not negatively impacted by the measure.

Position

Position Definition and Action

**Favor/Support
Not Favor/Oppose
Priority: B**

The District agrees or disagrees with certain provisions, but the bill will not have a significant impact on the District. District staff monitors, as well as supports or opposes these bills in concept; no action is taken.

**Concerns
Priority: A**

The legislation includes elements that are concerning or could negatively impact the District, however the author has expressed an interest in working with stakeholders on the issue. Provides an opportunity for the District to engage in conversations on legislation with a willingness to modify the position if the circumstances or outstanding language is addressed. Submits letters, engages on working groups, and works with coalitions to draft amendments to the bill language.

**Watch
Priority: C**

The bill does not have a direct impact on the District. District staff monitors the bill and watches for amendments that may alter the bill and prompt District action.

**Neutral
Priority: D**

The bill has no impact on the District. No action or monitoring is required.

Standing Committee Abbreviations

Senate Committees

Agriculture	AGRI
Appropriations	APPR
Banking and Financial Institutions	BF&I
Budget and Fiscal Review	B&FR
Business Professions and Economic Development	BP&ED
Education	ED
Elections and Constitutional Amendments	ELEC&CA
Energy, Utilities and Communications	EU&C
Environmental Quality	EQ
Governance and Finance	GOV&FIN
Governmental Organization	GO
Health	HEALTH
Human Services	HUMANSVS
Insurance	INS
Judiciary	JUD
Labor and Industrial Relations	L&IR
Legislative Ethics	LEGETHICS
Natural Resources and Water	NR&W
Public Employment and Retirement	PE&R
Public Safety	PUBSAFE
Rules	RULES
Transportation and Housing	T&H
Veterans Affairs	VA

Assembly Committees

Accountability and Administrative Review	ACTBTY&ADMR
Aging and Long-Term Care.....	A<C
Agriculture	AGRI
Appropriations	APPR
Arts, Entertainment, Sports Tourism and Internet Media	AEST&IM
Banking and Finance.....	B&F
Budget.....	BUDG
Business, Professions and Consumer Protection	BP&CH
Education	ED
Elections and Redistricting	E&R
Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials	ENVS&TOXM
Governmental Organization	GO
Health.....	HEALTH
Higher Education	HIED
Housing and Community Development	H&CD
Human Services	HUMANSVS
Insurance.....	INS
Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy	JED&E
Judiciary	JUD
Labor and Employment	L&E
Local Government.....	LGOV
Natural Resources.....	NATRES
Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security	PERS&SS
Public Safety.....	PUBSAFE
Revenue and Taxation.....	REV&TAX
Rules.....	RULES
Transportation.....	TRANS
Utilities and Commerce	U&C
Veterans Affairs.....	VA
Water, Parks and Wildlife.....	WP&W



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